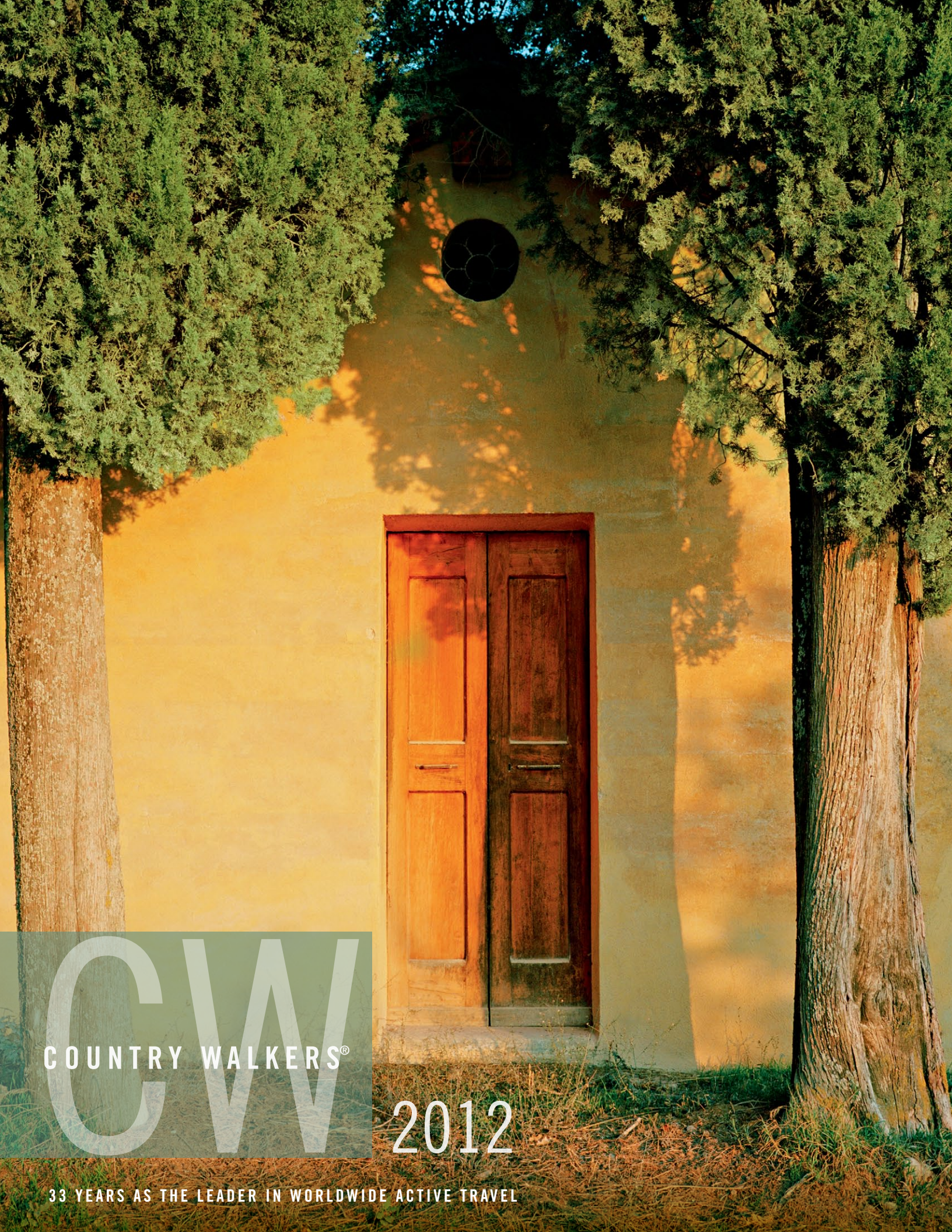


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COUNTRY WALKERS®

Travel Style Key

- **Guided Walking Adventure***
- **Private-Only Guided Walking Adventure**
- **Self-Guided Walking Adventure**
- **Self-Guided Biking Adventure**
- **Small Ship Cruising Adventure**

*Any Guided Walking Adventure can be a Private Adventure—make it your own!

The Only Way to Travel



Taking the Responsible Path

Our mission is to take you to the most unspoiled places on Earth—and every step you'll take when you arrive is designed to keep them that way. Our itineraries are carefully planned to support local communities, respect indigenous traditions, and protect natural resources. From sustainable eco-lodging to Country Walkers special conservation and service projects, all our trails lead to the preservation of these destinations for tomorrow's travelers.

For more information on responsible travel Click Here

Experience Makes the Difference

On a Country Walkers adventure, you won't just see the world, you'll be immersed in the places you travel. Whether it's an afternoon spent with a wine-maker in France or Italy, a midnight kayak ride on an Icelandic lagoon, or sharing a traditional meal with a Berber family in Morocco, you'll travel off the beaten path and into local cultures, ancient land-marks, and natural wonders most tourists never experience.

Itineraries that Go Farther (and Further)

With decades of experience and a passion for travel, our tour managers know where adventures wait and how to reveal them in ways you'll never forget. From winding coastal trails in Maine to the little-known stories behind iconic sites like Machu Picchu and China's Great Wall, every itinerary reflects months of planning, in-person research, and a dedication to making sure you know the essence of every destination you explore and truly get to know the regional culture and local people that make each locale so special.







Insider Access

Our worldwide network of experts—naturalists, historians, chefs, local families, hoteliers, and friends—grants you insider access to the best each region has to offer. From delectable meals featuring local ingredients to incomparable accommodations that entice you to linger longer, you'll know we've scouted out and chosen the special highlights and out-of-the-way encounters that bring you a sense of place and connect you to the culture.

Leave Your Worries Behind

There's only one thing our tours don't include: hidden costs and unwanted surprises. You know this: you can rely on us for unparalleled trip expertise and service that put you first—from the moment you contact us until you return home. We take care of all the details, leaving you free to relax and enjoy every moment of your adventure.

For more information Click Here



Ready, Set, Go… Your Way!

Enjoy an Encore!

After completing two Country Walkers trips, you're automatically enrolled in Encore, our guest loyalty program. Rated by our guests as one of the best in the travel industry, Encore is your ticket to travel savings, special offers, advance notice of tours (including our annual VIP trip), and more. You'll find a complete list of member benefits on our website. It's our way of saying thank you for choosing to travel with us again and again, and to say we look forward to exploring more of the world with you in the future.

For more information Click Here

Years of experience have taught us that travel preferences vary from person to person. So we've developed several styles of travel from which to choose. Each type has its own advantages but all allow you to experience the very best your destination has to offer.

GUIDED ADVENTURES are just that—you'll be accompanied 24/7 by an expert guide. They speak the language, have friends (and often relatives!) in the community, and truly know the region they call home. Their connections and knowledge allow you to be immersed in the local culture, cuisine, and natural environment. You'll also have plenty of time to explore on your own. Guided Adventures include all the essentials—accommodations, most meals, transportation, and site admission fees. And with local wine or beer included with dinner, you'll realize just how complete a Country Walkers trip can be. We take care of all the details; you take care of the fun.

Any Guided Adventure can become a **PRIVATE ADVENTURE**. The difference? You choose your traveling companions and name your departure date. It's a perfect way to celebrate—from a family reunion to an anniversary—on a trip that's all yours. You can even







customize your itinerary to reflect your group's interests. Or, choose one of our new **PRIVATE-ONLY ADVENTURES** and travel to places you couldn't see any other way. No matter which you choose, you'll be surprised how advantageous the pricing can be.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING & BIKING ADVENTURES are perfect for the more independent traveler. If you prefer a slower pace and a closer look at a region, try a walking adventure. Or, if you'd like to see more territory, a biking adventure (whether you're a beginning or seasoned cyclist) is your best choice. We'll provide detailed maps including route options, comprehensive trail notes, all accommodations, and some meals. Whether you're new to adventure travel or a veteran, these trips will give you the freedom and flexibility to explore at your own pace with your favorite traveling companions.

SMALL SHIP CRUISING ADVENTURES allow you to explore remote ports, waterways, and destinations accessible only by smaller vessels. Spend your days exploring onshore with specialist guides and your evenings relaxing on deck before dinner prepared by the talented chefs. At night, you'll enjoy a private cabin and, throughout your journey, Country Walkers' signature guest service.








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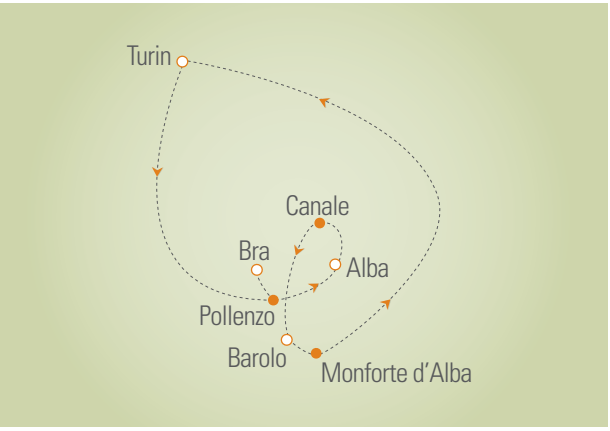

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DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-6 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Turin, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,598* (Single +$760)
Dates: May 13-19, May 27-June 2, Sept 9-15, Sept 23-29, Oct 7-13, Oct 14-20

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 6-8 guests: $4,898 / 9 guests: $4,698 / 10+ guests: $4,598

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Piedmont

Slowing Down to the Perfect Pace

With the towering Alps as a backdrop and vineyards and orchards dotting the landscape, the Piedmont region offers some of the finest of Italy. You'll walk through rolling countryside past medieval castles and into fortified villages. Here, in the birthplace of the Slow Food movement, you'll savor gourmet meals made with local delicacies. Historic lodging in a 17th-century farmhouse, an elegantly restored villa, and a former royal estate provide relaxation and rest. Enjoy the unique vegetation along the trails in the Natural Park of the Rocche, home to more than 950 plant species. Explore the 12th-century chapel of Santo Stefano in Perno, and the surrounding hillsides where more than 43 different orchid varieties can be found. A tour of the Marchesi di Barolo estate culminates in a tasting of world-renowned vintages, and a hands-on cooking class at a traditional farmhouse in Roero reveals some of the secrets of Piedmontese cuisine. From a truffle hunt on the outskirts of Alba to a cheese-making demonstration in Borgomale, it's all part of life in this less-traveled destination in Italy.

For complete tour details Click Here



Sweet Experience

In the Rocche, apiarists Patrizia and Antonio welcome you into their workshop to learn the art and science of beekeeping. The experience ends with a tasting of their artisanal honeys: chestnut, cherry, and other varieties whose distinctive flavors have been captured and preserved by the natural extraction methods they share with you.



Ramparts of Wine & History

Many of the medieval castles you'll come upon are open to visitors, should you be in the mood for a closer look. In Grinzane Cavour, for example, you'll not only discover fully restored architectural heritage from the 11th century, but the region's first wine cellar, a wine shop, historical exhibits, and an ethnographic museum.

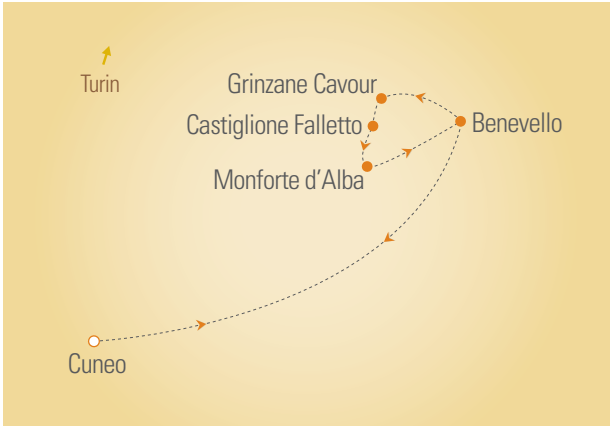
SELF-GUIDED WALKING

Vineyards of Piedmont

A Taste of Wine Country

This landscape of verdant hills, distant Alpine peaks, and ancient hamlets holds the very best of Italy—from world-renowned vineyards and medieval towns to castles and remarkable cuisine. Even so, it's a less-traveled destination, which means you'll have more of it to yourself. Starting in Benevello, your maps will guide you to the tiny village of Grinzane Cavour and its medieval castle, and then across the Talloria River to the 13th-century castle at Serralunga d'Alba. Visit a family farm outside Castiglione Falletto and follow poplar-shaded paths to Barolo, where a 16th-century palace looms over vineyards—and stop for a tour and tasting. In medieval Monforte you'll find a classic ochre townscape, while rare white truffles are Alba's claim to fame. Indeed, almost every village has its own gastronomic treats and vintages to sample. Since this self-guided trip unfolds at your own pace, you can stop to feast, sip, or simply take in the splendid scenery whenever the Italian spirit moves you.





DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 5-9 miles daily
Start & End: Cuneo, Italy

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $3,048* (Single from +$855)
Departures: May-Oct

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 13-26 miles daily
Start & End: Cuneo, Italy

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $3,798* (Single from +$825)
Departures: May-Oct

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

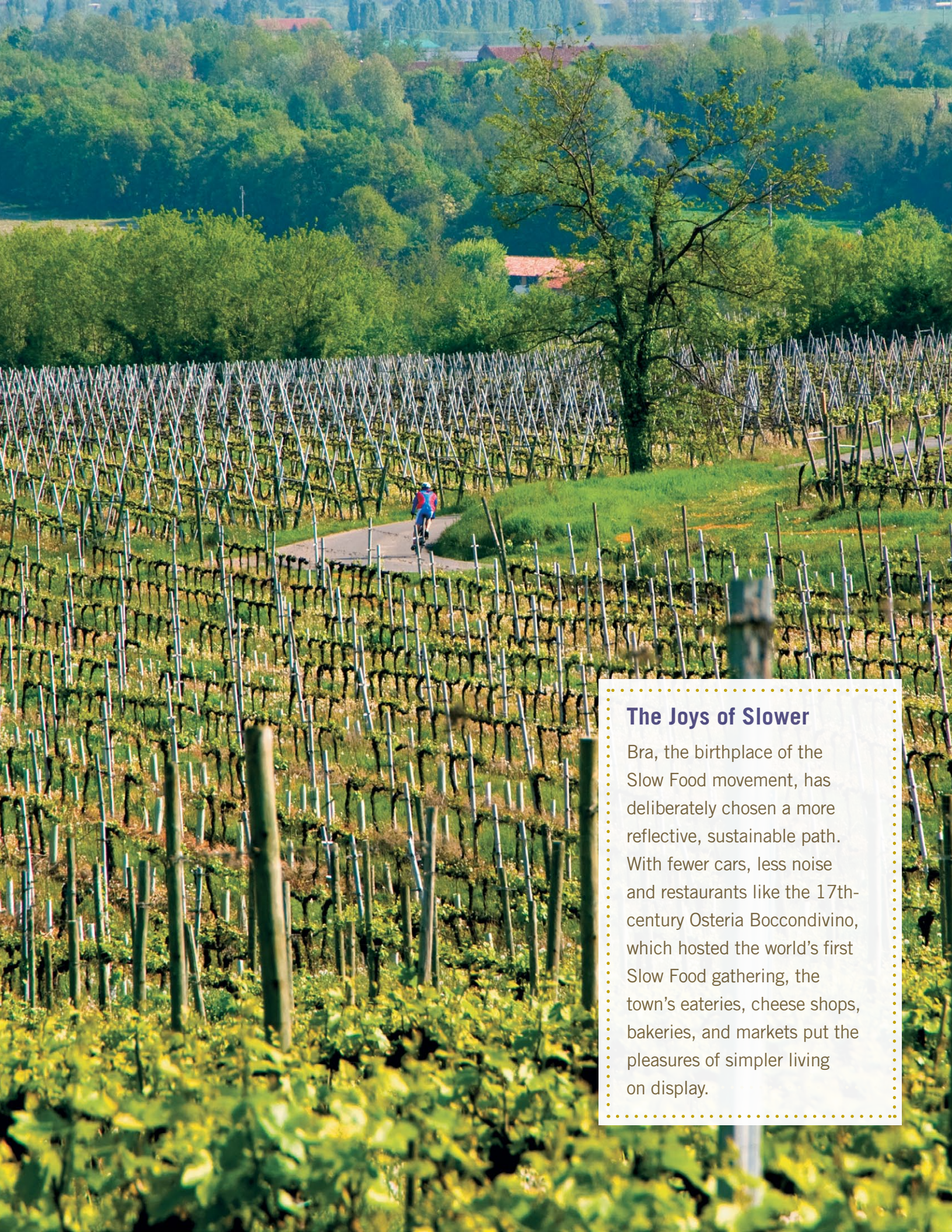
SELF-GUIDED BIKING

Piedmont's Langhe Region

Pedaling into Tradition

The gentle hills and villas of Italy's Piedmont region provide the perfect cycling destination. Its vineyards and trattorias will tempt you to slow down and savor everything along the way—the perfect scenario for a self-guided tour. With the Alps highlighting nearly every view, you'll ride from Treiso, once the summer retreat of Alba's nobility, to the Tanaro River, where herons glide and fishermen gather. After stopping for a cheese tasting in a historic piazza, continue on to Alba's narrow alleyways (don't forget to sample its renowned chocolate), and visit Barolo, home of Marchesi Falletti's 11th-century castle and some of the world's great wines. In Barbaresco, enjoy local wines at an *enoteca* with 120 varieties, while Asti's sparkling white Muscats will earn your praises. From Acqui Terme, where the hot springs of Roman-era spas soothe the body and a thousand-year-old cathedral inspires the soul, to Neive, a first-century village officially cited as one of Italy's loveliest, it seems there's no end to the history and the beauty that awaits here.

For complete tour details Click Here



The Joys of Slower

Bra, the birthplace of the Slow Food movement, has deliberately chosen a more reflective, sustainable path. With fewer cars, less noise and restaurants like the 17th-century Osteria Boccondivino, which hosted the world's first Slow Food gathering, the town's eateries, cheese shops, bakeries, and markets put the pleasures of simpler living on display.



Local Encounters

Our guests often tell us that our local guides made the trip extraordinary. Having a guide that lives in the Italian Lakes region means being introduced to their friends, neighbors, and family. And you begin feeling like a local, not a tourist. Whether it's meeting acquaintances on the trail or sharing gelato with village children, these encounters send our guests home feeling like honorary Italians.

GUIDED

The Lakes

Land of Contrasts

Italy's lake country remains with you long after you've returned home. Here, the snows of nearby Alpine spires are offset by warm valleys and welcoming mountain waters. As you make your way, you'll explore medieval villages, thought-provoking historic sites, and view priceless art. From the picture-perfect hamlet of Orta San Giulio, follow the pilgrim's path through ancient forests to the 20 baroque chapels of Sacro Monte. A boat ride across Lake Orta brings you to the spectacular 12th-century Basilica di San Giulio. You'll cross serpentine Lake Maggiore to the tiny Isola Bella and the 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo. Then it's on to Bellagio, the jewel of Lake Como, where you explore Villa Carlotta, famous for its magnificent works of art, and the elaborate terraced gardens at Villa Balbianello. Along the way, enjoy unexpected encounters with locals at fishing villages, lunches in lively trattorias, a toast to the day's discoveries on your hotel's waterfront terrace, and bountiful meals that offer a true taste of authentic regional cuisine.



You'll enjoy savoring the good life in the inviting trattorias of delightful Orta San Giulio.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Moderate terrain with challenging sections; 4-9 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Milan, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,598* (Single +$950)
Dates: May 6-12, May 20-26, Sept 2-8, Sept 16-22, Sept 23-29

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4 guests: $5,048 / 5-8 guests: $4,698 / 9+ guests: $4,598

*All meals included except two lunches and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Pass through the grapevines of 12th-century Abbazia di Novacella as you enter the special realm of the Dolomites.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain; 5-7 hours daily
Meet / Depart: Bressanone / Brixen, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,198* (Single +$530)
Dates: June 17-23, June 24-30, July 1-7, Sept 2-8, Sept 9-15

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,898 / 6+ guests: $4,198

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

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The Dolomites

Glorious Sunsets & Soaring Scenery

One of the world's most distinctive mountain ranges, Italy's Dolomites are a UNESCO World Heritage site famous for their limestone formations and outstanding natural beauty. Yet this region contains remarkable cultural treasures, too. From the cathedral and cloisters of Bressanone, you'll follow cobbled lanes through mountainside vineyards to the Abbey of Novacella, a frescoed Baroque jewel. In natural parks like Puez-Odle and Fanes-Senes-Braies, you'll trek through lush valleys past Ladin cabins into meadows filled with wildflowers. Marvel at high Alpine passes whose wind-carved rock formations and vistas of craggy peaks require you to linger a little longer. Walk from shimmering Lake Misurina to chic Cortina d'Ampezzo, the "Pearl of the Dolomites" and one of Italy's most beautiful resort towns, and make a circuit of Tre Cime di Lavaredo, the three peaks at the Dolomites' heart. Spend evenings in Tyrolean hamlets bathed in the pink light of the *enrosadira*, the legendary sunsets that paint the area's towering white limestone summits. Crown your experience in the Val Travenanzes, where a cable car takes you up 9,000 feet to the region's most sensational trail.

For complete tour details Click Here



High-Altitude Rest Stops

You'll eagerly anticipate stopping at the many Alpine *rifugi* on the trails of the Dolomites. These rustic mountain huts provide welcoming respites and hearty, homemade Tyrolean meals. Savor the views, a local Forst beer, and treats like *canederli* (cheese dumplings), handmade pasta with mushrooms, and *patate all'ampezzana*—pan-cooked potatoes, onions, and speck, a ham that is seasoned and smoked locally.



Buon Appetito!

With so much exquisite food and wine, it's hard to favor one meal above the others—but you'll remember lunch in San Donato forever. Here, the Fenzi family will welcome you into their farmhouse for a traditional feast of cured meats, local cheeses, fresh vegetables, crostini, and their own Vernaccia and Chianti wines.

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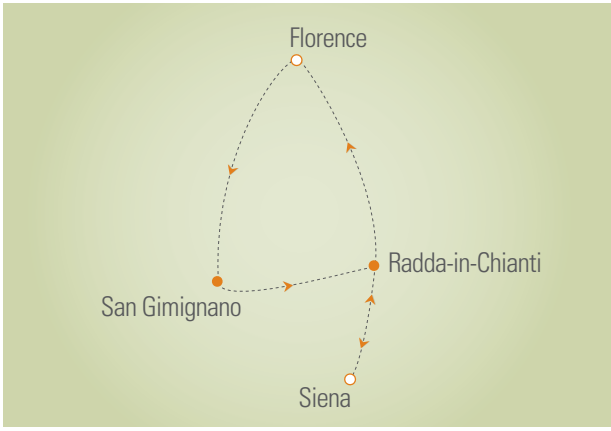
Tuscany

Italian Splendor in Every Moment

On this private-only tour, your guide will introduce you to what makes Tuscany such a popular destination: the colors of the landscape, the unforgettable meals, the medieval tower towns, and more. Your immersion into this distinctive culture begins with a walking tour of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Then set out on shaded lanes past elegant villas and formal gardens to the hilltop village of Pian dei Giullari, 17th-century home of Galileo. Trace the history of the Etruscan and Roman empires in Siena, site of the Palio horse race, and the 13th-century Duomo famed for its gargoyles. At San Gimignano, explore the "town of the lovely towers," while in Volterra you'll stroll through winding streets that lead to an Etruscan museum, ancient tombs, and Roman baths. For a grand finale, savor a private wine tasting of Chianti Classico followed by dinner al fresco at Badia a Coltibuono, a former monastery that's been making wine since the Middle Ages.



Soar to a bird's-eye view of history on an optional balloon ride over medieval San Gimignano, "town of the lovely towers."



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 6-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Florence, Italy

Private-Only Guided Adventure
Price from*: 5 guests: $4,948 / 6-9 guests: $4,598 / 10+ guests: $4,398
Optimal Travel Dates: Apr-June & Sept-Oct

*All meals included except one lunch and two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Florence / Orvieto, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,298* (Single +$350)
Dates: May 6-12, June 10-16, Sept 9-15, Sept 23-29, Sept 30-Oct 6, Oct 7-13

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 3 guests: $5,198 / 4-5 guests: $4,398 / 6+ guests: $4,298

*All meals included except two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

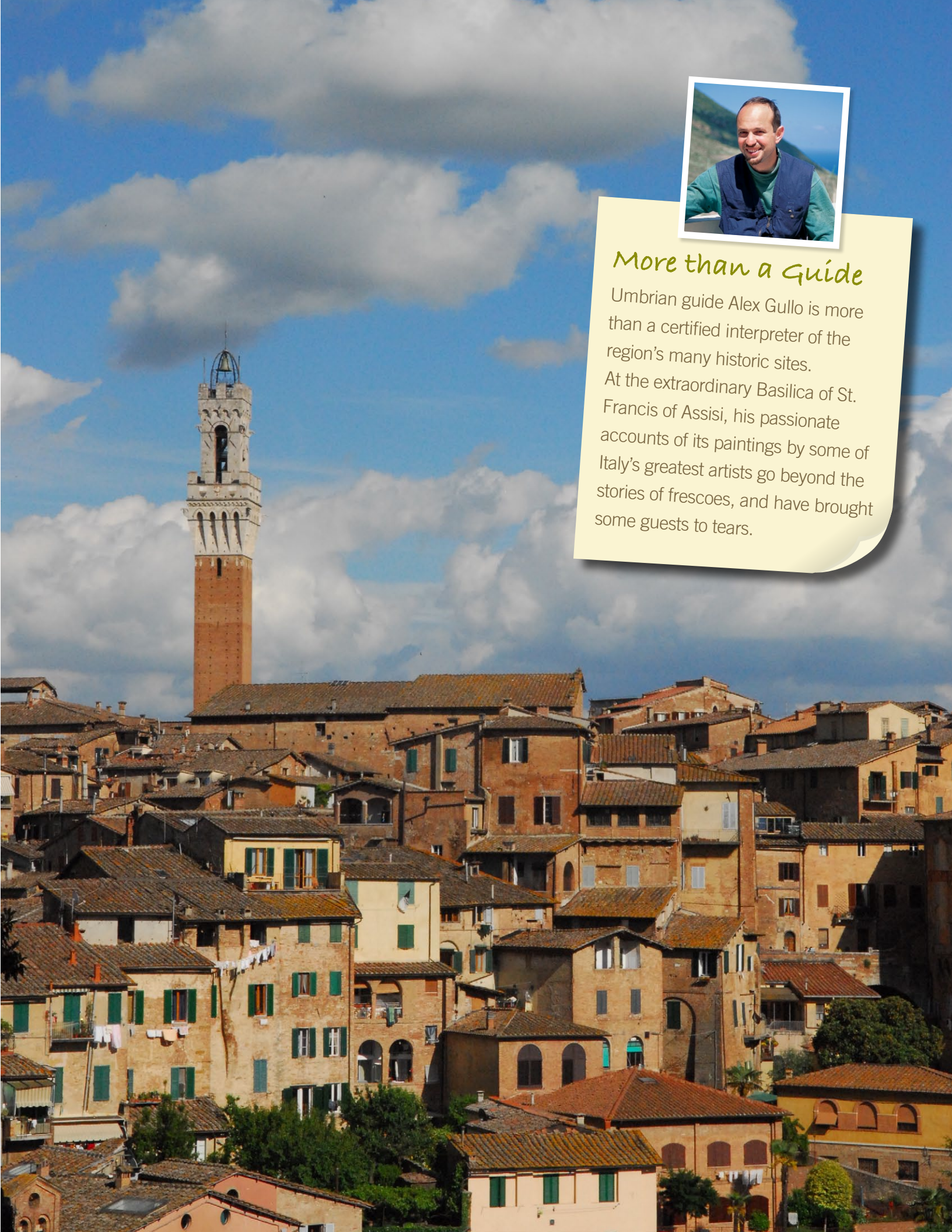
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Tuscany & Umbria

The Soul of Italy

To understand the Italian philosophy of life, you must eat like an Italian, and the great Umbrian tradition of fine food and wine figures prominently on this tour. You'll dine in Ristorante Camesena, where a seemingly endless series of specialty dishes creates one of the trip's many memorable culinary experiences. This hospitality is coupled with classic Italian scenery and ancient history in the Renaissance hill town of Pienza and the 15th-century convent of Sant'Anna. Stroll Spello, a walled medieval wonder with Roman roots, and visit the magnificent art museum in Gubbio's 14th-century Palazzo dei Consoli. On Mt. Subasio, you'll find splendid summit views and one of the finest walks in all of Italy. The lush valleys of Tuscany and Umbria feature historic churches and chapels set among grapevines and olive trees. From fresco masterpieces and Roman aqueducts to Etruscan ruins and historic abbeys, you'll get a full serving of Italian culture along with tastings of cheeses, olive oils, truffles, wines, and other delicacies that fill every day with unique local flavor.

For complete tour details Click Here



More than a Guide

Umbrian guide Alex Gullo is more than a certified interpreter of the region's many historic sites. At the extraordinary Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, his passionate accounts of its paintings by some of Italy's greatest artists go beyond the stories of frescoes, and have brought some guests to tears.



More Chocolate, Please

Spello is two-thousand years of architecture, art, and more. It's also just a 20-minute train ride from every choco-holic's ultimate dream: the Perugina Chocolate Factory, home of world-famous Baci chocolates. It's well worth a detour to explore the confec-tionary process, sample some sweets, and even go to chocolate school!

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

Sun-Drenched Umbria

Savor a Taste of Italy

This Self-Guided Walking Adventure ambles through Italy's unspoiled "green heart," a fertile region of olive groves and vineyards not yet overrun by visitors, although it offers some of the best eating experiences and local wines in the world. Your journey here will carry you deep into history, from Etruscan and Roman ruins to important medieval and Renaissance sites. Don't miss the St. Francis Basilica in Assisi, or the impressive Minerva Temple in the town's classic Piazza del Comune. Walk the Franciscan trail to Monte Subasio National Park and the town of Satriano, where nearby footpaths take you through pasturelands, oak forests, deep gorges, and villages where encounters with local residents spice up your day. Stroll within the ancient walls of Spello, one of the region's best-preserved medieval towns. Relax at family-run hotels and sample black truffles, fresh olive oils, and delicious Umbrian specialties paired with superb local vintages like the region's acclaimed Orvietos.





DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 9-10 miles daily
Start & End: Foligno, Italy

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,248* (Single from +$295)
Departures: May-Oct

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 16-22 miles daily
Start & End: Foligno, Italy

SG Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,648* (Single from +$275)
Departures: May-Oct

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

SELF-GUIDED BIKING

Villages of Umbria

A Two-Wheeled Countryside Adventure

This riding adventure in central Italy's little-known oasis of beauty and tradition follows the lower-lying bike paths and quiet paved roads connecting some of Europe's most scenic medieval towns and villages. Here, along the Olive Way, you'll pedal to walled towns like Spello, which holds two millennia of historical treasures, and discover Spoleto, an acclaimed center for the arts. Contemplate the rural panoramas outside Bevagna, then venture inside its gates to explore 13th-century palazzi, a medieval theater, and an ancient Roman temple and baths. The tiny, circular fort town of Torre del Colle offers photogenic streets, while the wine center of Torgiano features the famous Lungarotti cellars, where you can enjoy a tasting before cycling on to Brufa to try the local olive oils. Stop whenever something beckons—whether it's to enjoy delicacies like grilled rabbit or *tagliatelle ai funghi* (pasta with mushrooms) at a local trattoria, or to cool your feet in a piazza fountain, the choice is yours on this self-guided tour of this wonderful region.

For complete tour details Click Here



Raising a Glass to Italy's Pleasures

Your meals around Montefalco feature superb wines. Try the Vernaccia di Cannara, a rare red dessert wine; the Vin Santo, a rich, deep-gold vintage made from semidried grapes; or the complex Montefalco Sagrantino, the region's most renowned offering. Even the comparatively simple Montefalco Rosso table wine is a treat!



One View, Five Villages

You won't forget your first glimpse of this tour's five destination villages, strung like jewels along a sparkling Mediterranean coast. The 40-mile vista comes during a walk 1,000 feet above the sea, a view so breathtaking you'll want to savor every moment.

GUIDED

Cinque Terre

Walking a Colorful Coastline

On the Italian Riviera, special moments await around every corner, whether it's a village of multicolored homes and fishing boats in dazzling sunlight or a spectacular waterfront banquet of fresh fish and pesto. Amid frequent invitations into local homes, you'll trek to Portofino, perhaps the Mediterranean's most beautiful port, and take cliffside paths overlooking the Bay of Fruttuoso into the narrow canyons of Pietre Strette. At the secluded National Trust haven of San Fruttuoso, a place accessible only by foot or boat, you'll visit a 10th-century Benedictine abbey. Travel to Corniglia, the most untouched of the Cinque Terre villages; the regional wine capital of classic seaside Manarola; and the bright tower houses of Riomaggiore. Hop a boat to the Natural Regional Park island of Palmaria and explore its fortress museum and Mediterranean grottoes. Then wander the romantic alleyways of Portovenere, a Roman-Byzantine World Heritage site that helps make the Cinque Terre one of the world's great destinations.



Walking trails hug a rugged coastline, framing views of the aqua-blue Golfo dei Poeti (Gulf of Poets).



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Moderate terrain with challenging sections; 3-5 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Santa Margherita Ligure / La Spezia, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,998* (Single +$425)
Dates: May 13-19, July 8-14, Sept 9-15, Sept 23-29, Oct 7-13, Oct 14-20

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 2 guests: $5,248 / 3 guests: $4,198 / 4+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Massive Roman columns loom over the ruins of Selinunte, a 2,700-year-old archaeological site containing some of Italy's best-preserved temples.



DETAILS

Length: 10 days, 9 nights
Level: Moderate terrain with some easy days; 4-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Syracuse / Palermo, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,998* (Single +$715)
Dates: Sept 23-Oct 2, Oct 14-23

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 5 guests: $5,398 / 6-8 guests: $5,098 / 9+ guests: $4,998

*All meals included except two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Sicily NEW!

Italy's Cultural Crossroads

The island of Sicily is the soul of Italy, and, on this journey into its epic past and glorious present, your expert guides will show you why it has captivated travelers for centuries. The splendor begins immediately upon arrival in Syracuse, home to endless age-old Greek and Roman wonders and baroque piazzas. Enjoy renowned birding hot spots like coastal Oasi Naturale di Vendicari. You'll climb legendary Mt. Etna, Europe's largest active volcano, and shop the dazzling nearby market before investigating 4,000-year-old tombs among the limestone formations at the Necropolis of Pantalica. Heading into the countryside, you'll explore castles and sprawling villas with vast art collections, rural villages and vineyards, and unspoiled nature preserves filled with rare plants and diverse wildlife. From the olive groves of Castelbuono and the ancient temples in Cefalù to the cultural riches of Selinunte Archaeological Park and the spectacular views in hill towns like Erice, your senses will glory in the grand pageant of history and scenery only Sicily can provide.

For complete tour details Click Here



Mangia! Mangia!

Come to Sicily, and come hungry. Because here—where French, Greek, Spanish, and Arabic cuisines collide—is a world of exquisite seafood delicacies, artisan cheeses, aromatic homemade pastas, and blissful desserts. Dig in at a hands-on cooking class with a master chef, and enjoy a private wine tasting, market visits, and meal after meal of pure epicurean majesty.



A Firsthand View of a Rare Art Form

Amalfi is known for more than delicious lemons and cozy piazzas. Its Valley of the Mills is the source of a prized handmade paper called *bambagina*. Visit a mill to see this fascinating papermaking process and admire the results at the nearby Museo della Carta—one of many possible destinations from which to choose.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

The Amalfi Coast

Treks in a Mediterranean Paradise

Let your own sense of adventure be your guide on this tour of Italy's Amalfi Coast, a region of soaring coastlines and picture-perfect sea towns where history comes alive and cross-cultural encounters abound. Set off on your own schedule from the formal gardens and elegant hilltop villas of Ravello toward the whitewashed spectacle of Amalfi, where narrow lanes reveal shops and eateries that tempt the senses. Then follow the Sentieri degli Dei ("Path of the Gods"), one of Europe's most acclaimed trails, to dramatic views of rocky shores and azure waters. Stroll stylish Positano, where pastel houses surround alluring black-sand beaches, and experience the geological wonders of Montepertusi. Amble through the olive groves of Fontanelle on your way to Pompeii, and tour twin Saracen watchtowers at Fornillo Bay. Or perhaps you'll search for hidden coves in Marina del Cantone and float through coral-lined sea grottoes. From ancient Herculaneum's ruins to the seafood extravaganzas of Sorrento's trattorias, it's your choice on this Mediterranean excursion.





DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 6-9 miles daily
Start & End: Naples, Italy

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,748* (Single from +$575)
Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts and four dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here



One of our favorite accommodations, the cliff-side Hotel Luna gets every detail right—from the waterfront terrace and sublime al fresco lounge to citrus gardens and rooms accented with beautiful antiques.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Moderate terrain with challenging sections; 4-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Naples / Sorrento, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,498* (Single +$1,298)
Dates: Apr 29-May 5, May 13-19, Sept 16-22, Sept 30-Oct 6, Oct 7-13, Oct 14-20

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 3-5 guests: $6,048 / 6-9 guests: $4,698 / 10+ guests: $4,498

*All meals included except one lunch and two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

The Amalfi Coast & Capri

Sun, Sustenance & Scenery

On the Amalfi Coast, paths lead to perfect combinations of whitewashed cliff-side villages and panoramic seascapes steeped in ancient history. Led by guides fully versed in the region's heritage, you'll experience the extraordinary ruins of Pompeii, frozen at their moment of destruction. In cobblestoned medieval villages like Ravello, walks in elegant gardens take you to awe-inspiring vantage points like the Belvedere dell'Infinità, and the medieval tower Torre dello Ziro. Walk the Path of the Gods, one of the world's most stunning coastal trails, to Montepertuso for a classic Italian lunch, and take a ferry ride past the Faraglioni cliffs to the isle of Capri. Follow terraced lemon groves and grape arbors to fine shopping in Belvedere della Migliera, and Monte Solaro (Capri's highest point) for Mediterranean views that will leave you speechless. See the 800 Phoenician Steps of Anacapri and the 2,000-year-old Roman ruins of Villa Jovis. Along the way, you'll be treated like family as you savor unforgettable meals at restaurants owned by friends of your guides.

For complete tour details Click Here



Best. Food. Ever.

In Amalfi, our guests experience the best seafood they've ever eaten: fish, mussels, shrimp, baby octopus, tiny clams, and much more, all pulled fresh from the sea and prepared simply, but sumptuously, using savory local flavors like tomatoes, Sorrentine lemons, and local olive oil.



An Infamous Blast from the Past

Your adventure will start on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, where you'll be met by a volcanologist guide who'll take you where most visitors never go—over 4,000 feet up to the very rim of the legendary crater itself.

Walking through a field of wildflowers surrounded by Moravian countryside, you've found as enchanting a place as you'll visit anywhere.

PRIVATE ONLY

Hiker's Amalfi Coast

Off the Beaten Path

Follow the dramatic contours of the Amalfi Coast into a sunny paradise that will dazzle your senses with magnificent Mediterranean vistas, the aroma of citrus and olives along paths to terraced vineyards, and meals of pure epicurean delight. Among ancient towns carved into sheer limestone cliffs, you'll follow the twisting trails, mule paths, and stone staircases of the Sorrentine Peninsula. With a focus on the little-known trails and rarely traveled byways our guides have discovered over the years, you'll explore waterfalls in fragrant coastal forests of chestnut and cypress, and lemon groves outside quintessential Middle Age villages like Pogerola and Sorrento. Ride the cable car to take in Mount Faito's sweeping views and walk the grassy plateau of Mount Comune. There's superb shopping in seaside resorts like Sorrento and medieval history waiting in the streets of Amalfi. And, of course, you'll relish meal after meal of mouthwatering delicacies: picnics of crusty bread, tomatoes, olives, and fruit; regional cheese and pasta lunches in local trattorias; and exquisite slow-food seafood feasts.



Remote trails and little-used paths create a secret route to the villages and natural marvels hidden deep in the heart of Amalfi.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Challenging terrain; 8-10 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Naples / Sorrento, Italy

PO Private-Only Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4 guests: $4,998 / 5-9 guests: $4,598 / 10+ guests: $4,398
Optimal Travel Dates: Apr-June & Sept-Oct

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



There's nothing like a meal at Masseria Il Frantoio, a traditional *masseria* whose whitewashed central courtyard is the perfect spot for a leisurely lunch of Buratta cheese, sun-soaked tomatoes, and olives.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate; 3-5 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Lecce / Brindisi, Italy

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,298* (Single +$830)
Dates: May 6-12, Sept 16-22, Oct 7-13

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4 guests: $5,198 / 5-6 guests: $4,698 / 7+ guests: $4,298

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Puglia & Basilicata

A Secret Mediterranean Retreat

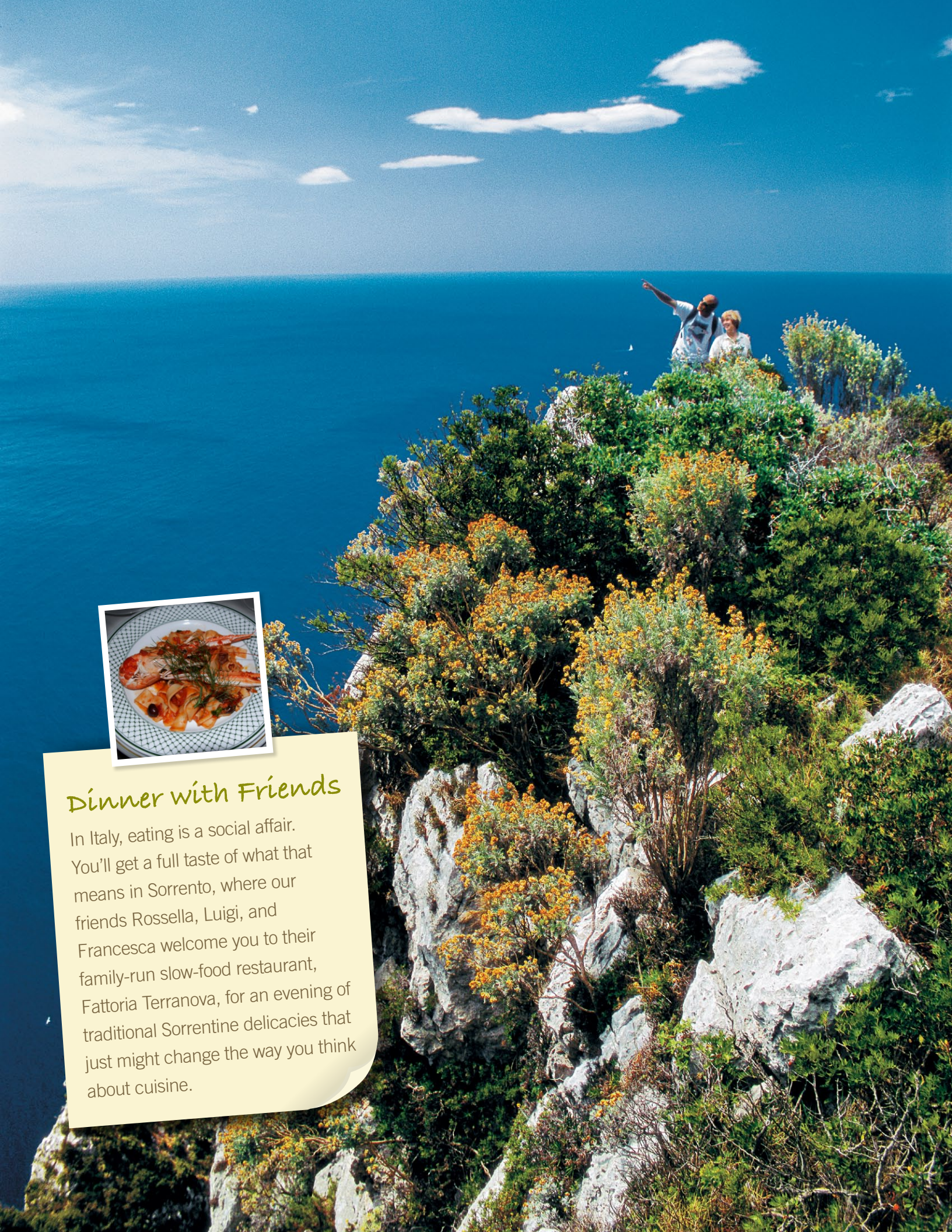
On the Salentine Peninsula, Italy's "boot heel," you'll find the places Italians go to escape the crowds—a realm of sea and sky with extraordinary history, postcard scenery, exquisite food, and a welcoming people you'll come to love. Begin in Lecce, "the Florence of the South," where Baroque architecture mingles with Roman ruins. Coastal walks in Porto Badisco reveal rugged coves, rocky beaches, and ancient watchtowers guarding turquoise waters perfect for swimming. In Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage site, a nature sanctuary boasting hundreds of plant species lies near ancient *sassi* cave dwellings and a monumental medieval cathedral. Explore the vineyards and olive groves of Alberobello and its unique cone-shaped structures called *trulli*, then travel to the "white town" of Ostuni, a hilltop Adriatic citadel whose maze of alleys and piazzas has delighted travelers for a thousand years. Accommodations in a fortified country house, a 17th-century *sassi* home, and a seaside resort complement meals of regional delicacies and wines, including a sampling of Salentinian dishes as you join in a *pizzica* (a folk-music and dance show).

For complete tour details Click Here



Meeting the Olive Artisans

Outside Ostuni, you'll spend an afternoon in a stone *masseria* farmhouse and enjoy a private tour of its ancient underground olive mill. After a tasting of fresh oils produced from centuries-old olive trees, you'll dig into the farm's organic bounty for a feast of fresh pasta, cheeses, meats, tangy greens, and just-baked bread.



Dinner with Friends

In Italy, eating is a social affair. You'll get a full taste of what that means in Sorrento, where our friends Rossella, Luigi, and Francesca welcome you to their family-run slow-food restaurant, Fattoria Terranova, for an evening of traditional Sorrentine delicacies that just might change the way you think about cuisine.

GUIDED DUO

Umbria & Amalfi

Favorite Places & Flavorful Tables

Italy offers travelers an abundance of choices. To help our guests with some of this decision making, we've combined two of our favorite Italian destinations into one exceptional experience. From Florence through southern Tuscany and Assisi, out to the isle of Capri and finally to Sorrento, you'll sample everything these spectacular regions have to offer: history and heritage, people and culture, scenery and—of course—food! From Siena, your trail winds through the heralded wine town of Montalcino and into Italy's "green heart" of Umbria, where medieval townscapes are linked by ancient olive groves and Roman ruins. North of Orvieto, you'll discover the abbey of Sant'Antimo, where the chanting of monks can be heard throughout the surrounding hills. Journeying to the Amalfi Coast, you'll enter a landscape dominated by limestone cliffs and brilliant blue seas. In Pompeii and Positano, archaeological wonders mingle with *ristorantes* serving Italy's best-known dishes, regional wines, and chilled liqueurs like *limoncello*.





DETAILS

Length: 14 days, 13 nights
Level: Moderate terrain with challenging sections; 4-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Florence / Sorrento, Italy

G Guided Adventure
Price: $8,698* (Single +$1,650)
Dates: May 6-19, Sept 9-22, Sept 23-Oct 6, Sept 30-Oct 13, Oct 7-20

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $9,298 / 6+ guests: $8,698

*All meals included except three lunches and five dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 14 days, 13 nights
Level: Moderate terrain with challenging sections; 4-9 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Santa Margherita Ligure / Milan, Italy

G Guided Adventure
Price: $8,448* (Single +$1,375)
Dates: May 13-26, Sept 9-22

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $8,898 / 6+ guests: $8,448

*All meals included except five lunches and three dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED DUO

Cinque Terre & The Lakes

Exploring the Best of Italy

If you're *Italiano* at heart, this far-ranging adventure is for you. Its string of destinations stretches from the sun-splashed beauty of the Italian Riviera to the country's sapphire-blue Alpine lakes. En route, you'll find the real Italy, a land filled with history and panoramic scenery, old-world charm, and sophisticated towns like Portofino and Bellagio. In the Cinque Terre, you'll walk through five distinctive villages along the Mediterranean coast, pausing to admire the magnificent vistas and stopping at local trattorias for mouthwatering meals of pesto and fresh seafood, wine and gelato. Swim, stroll, shop, and sail, then say *arrivederci* to your new Ligurian friends and depart for the enchanting foothills of the Italian Alps, a stunning landscape where snowcapped giants ring the legendary lakes of Orta, Maggiore, and Como. Between boat excursions, centuries-old paths will lead you to terraced vineyards, medieval hamlets, lakeside villages, and historic villas whose priceless artworks and flower gardens put the best of Italy on display.

For complete tour details Click Here



Island Idylls

On this trip, you'll be surrounded by island magic. In the Cinque Terre, a private boat ride to Palmaria Island leads to a seafood extravaganza at water's edge. Later, on Isola dei Pescatori ("Fishermen's Island") in Lake Maggiore, you'll raise a glass of local *vino* on the waterfront terrace of the Hotel Verbano, your home for the night.



A Culinary Crossroads

Croatia is full of surprises, one of which is its cuisine that blends Mediterranean and Eastern European traditions. You'll taste something new every day—delicious octopus salad, *peka* lunches of meats and vegetables simmered over hot coals, and festive dinners accompanied by *klapa* music.

GUIDED

The Dalmatian Coast

A Feast of Adriatic History

This adventure digs deeply into the natural and cultural wealth of the celebrated Dalmatian Coast, a scenic archipelago with more thant 3,000 years of history on display. Towns with ornate Renaissance architecture stand next to magnificent Roman ruins such as the Emperor Diocletian's Palace. Visits to the 16th-century Pustinja Blaca monastery and the ancient Spanjola Fortress are coupled with seaside walks and hilltop treks that reveal the coast's wilder side. Enjoy an authentic *pasticada* meal at a family-owned *konoba* restaurant, and take guided tours of the walled cities of Split and Dubrovnik, UNESCO World Heritage sites. Explore the famous Zlatni Rat, or "Golden Cape," and island-hop via catamaran from Brač's olive groves to Hvar's lavender fields and on to Korčula, a monument to medieval stonework. There are wines to taste, friendly Croats to meet, and bursts of vivid Mediterranean color to revel in—from verdant hillsides and whitewashed buildings with brilliant orange roofs to sun-filled vineyards, and the blue depths of the Adriatic Sea enticing you with a relaxing swim at day's end.



Celebrating new friendships and another day of Adriatic adventure, guests take a spontaneous break for some well-earned frozen fun.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-5 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Split / Dubrovnik, Croatia

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,298* (Single +$725)
Dates: May 5-12, June 2-9, Sept 8-15, Sept 22-29, Oct 6-13

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 6-8 guests: $4,598 / 9+ guests: $4,298

*All meals included except for one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Walking through a field of wildflowers surrounded by Moravian countryside, you've found as enchanting a place as you'll visit anywhere.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 6-9 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Vienna, Austria / Prague, Czech Republic

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,398* (Single +$575)
Dates: May 21-28, July 30-Aug 6, Sept 10-17, Sept 24-Oct 1

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 8 guests: $4,798 / 9-10 guests: $4,598 / 11+ guests: $4,398

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Vienna to Prague

A Real-Life Storybook Adventure

In the Czech Republic, a land of feudal castles and old-world heritage is yours to discover. Begin in the tiny Renaissance town of Telč, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour Telč Castle, then head into the rolling hills and bucolic hamlets of the picturesque Moravian highlands, where encounters with farmers happy to share conversation and freshly picked fruit are highlighted by colorful local tales your guides know by heart. Outside the historic village of Tábor, you'll find the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Klokoty Monastery, a 17th-century Baroque masterpiece. Picnic in the scenic Lužnice River valley and sample the region's famous Bohemian pilsners at a traditional brewery. Along the cobblestone byways of fairy-tale Český Krumlov, a medieval town unchanged for centuries, there are shops and a classic palace to enjoy, while Blanský Forest offers a wealth of timeless natural beauty. Make your final memories in fabled Prague, the "city of a thousand spires," among sights like the 14th-century gargoyles and mosaics of St. Vitus Cathedral, and Prague Castle, the world's largest castle complex.

For complete tour details Click Here



The Music of History

In the Czech Republic, time-honored customs are a constant presence—and that means lots of unforgettable music! From traditional songs and dances performed by a rural folk ensemble and the church whose organ Antonin Dvorak often played, to the street musicians and classical concert halls of Prague, your adventure will have a soundtrack all its own.



"Epic-curean" Odysseys Worthy of Homer

On the Greek coast, masses of flowering bougainvillea can conceal out-of-the-way restaurants where the locals dine. Let your guides lead you to their favorite "secret" spots with spreads of just-picked vegetables, classic feta salads, fresh olives, and delectable spanakopita—lavish meals that serve up an entire gastronomic journey on a single plate.

GUIDED

The Southern Coast

Legendary Landscapes, Ageless Traditions

This exploration of the Greek coastline offers historic tales, inviting footpaths leading to hillside vineyards, olive groves, whitewashed town, and age-old Mediterranean ports with secluded beaches and seaside accommodations. Start at the Parthenon, the Acropolis, and other essential sites in Athens. Then cross the walled Corinth Canal to Kalamata and the 18th-century frescoes of the deserted church of Agia Theodoroi. A scenic trek to Platti Ammo leads to a swim on a quiet beach ringed by tamarisk trees, and lunch in the fishing village of Agios Nikolaos. Enter a Mycenaean tomb where gods are reputedly buried, and follow ancient trails to coastal settlements made famous by Homer. In unspoiled Proastio, you'll visit an olive-oil mill before lunch in the village square, and paddle the Glyfada sea caves through chambers filled with delicate geological formations. Explore the tower village of Vathia, the region's most photographed spot, and finish in Mystras' remarkable Byzantine ruins, a UNESCO World Heritage site that alone makes this an essential trip.



The green hills, sapphire waters, and working harbor of Gythion combine to create the rarest kind magic: the beauty of Greece.



DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Athens, Greece

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,998* (Single +$495)
Dates: Apr 21-29, May 26-June 3, Sept 15-23, Oct 6-14

P Private Guided Adventure

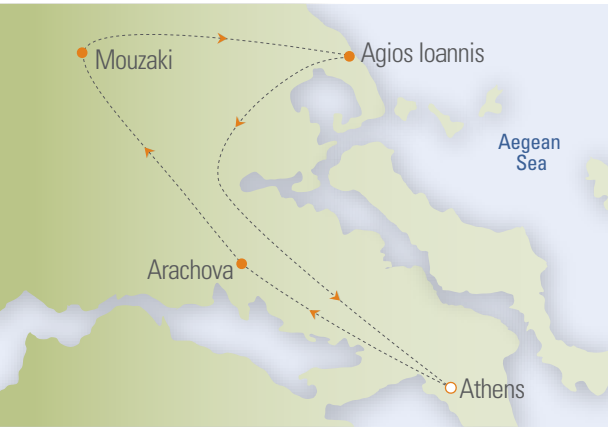
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,098 / 6+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Rule #1: Never travel on an empty stomach! Your trip's first lunch is served at this enticing tavern in lovely Arachova.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 2-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Athens, Greece

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,998* (Single +$425)
Dates: June 4-11, Sept 7-14

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 3 guests: $4,398 / 4+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Delphi, Meteora & the Aegean Coast

Trails through Time

On this journey into the cradle of Western civilization, you'll continually move between worlds—from the myths and history of earliest memory to the modern traditions of today's Greek lifestyle. Expert resident guides with encyclopedic knowledge of Greek history, legends, and culture will take you to Thermopylae, site of the infamous battle in 480 BC between 300 Spartans and Xerxes's Persian army. With a private museum interpreter, tour the Delphic Oracle and the vast Temple of Apollo—perhaps Greece's most impressive ruins. Then walk to the remote mountain village of Agios Prokopios, which straddles the "spine of Greece," and Milies, where you'll meet local residents on cobblestoned streets. The coastal town of Tsargarada, situated on two hillsides divided by a ravine, offers traditional *taverna* meals of zucchini fritters, spanakopita, octopus salad, and grilled prawns. It's a journey across the ages on trails through farmland, over mountains, and down to the warm waters and secluded beaches of the shimmering Aegean Sea.

For complete tour details Click Here



History's Vantage

Outside the mountain village of Kastraki, you'll ascend ancient stairways to the Monasteries of the Meteora, a stunning complex of Eastern Orthodox abbeys perched high atop sheer sandstone pinnacles. View 16th-century frescoes at Agios Nikolaos Anapavsa before taking an optional exploration of the 600-year-old Great Meteoron, the area's largest and loftiest retreat.



At Home on a Scenic Sea

Your *gulet* offers more than a cabin with private bath. It provides passage to ports of call, where you'll watch the sunset from the ramparts of a 12-century Crusader castle before enjoying an evening dip in a tranquil cove and retiring to a delectable al fresco meal skillfully prepared by your on-board chef.

PRIVATE ONLY

Turquoise Coast NEW!

A Voyage of Mediterranean Discovery

One way to truly appreciate Turkey's striking Turquoise Coast is by sailing it. On this journey you will travel by *gulet*, a traditional sailing vessel that will take you places and offer perspectives you wouldn't find from the shore. After roaming the ruins of ancient Termessos and Antalya's Old Town, you'll sail to Karaloz Cove for a night alone with the stars. Follow Kekova's olive groves to Aperlea and the 1st-century sarcophagi of Kalekoy. Docking in Kalkan, you'll head to the mountain village of Bezirgan for a delicious traditional lunch in a local home, and enjoy walks to the ruins of Xanthos, a secret Roman aqueduct, and Patara's gorgeous beaches. Then sail to Oludeniz Lagoon, the "jewel of the Mediterranean," and Gemiler Island for a trek through panoramic vistas to Byzantine ruins and a deserted village whose residents left only mysteries behind. There are tombs and temples to see, secluded coves to swim, and ruins like Ephesus to explore—all surrounded by the Turkish Riviera's sapphire waters and astonishing beauty.



You never know what unique keepsakes you'll find on the streets and in the markets surrounding the Crusader castle in Fethiye.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-6 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Antalya / Istanbul, Turkey

PO Private-Only Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4 guests: $6,298 / 5-6 guests: $5,298 / 7-11 guests: $4,298
Optimal Travel Dates: Apr-Early June & Sept-Oct

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

For complete tour details Click Here



Marvel at 2,500-year-old, hand-hewn structures in the cliffs of Myras.



DETAILS

Length: 10 days, 9 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-6 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Antalya / Istanbul, Turkey

G Guided Adventure

Price: $5,298* (Single +$575)
Dates: May 16-25, Sept 12-21, Sept 26-Oct 5, Oct 10-19

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 6 guests: $5,698 / 7-10 guests: $5,398 / 11+ guests: $5,298

*All meals included except two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

The Lycian Way & Ephesus

Ancient History & Turkish Beauty

At the intercontinental crossroads of Turkey, you'll enter a living museum spanning 10,000 years of Asian and European history. Your walking itinerary begins on the Turkish Riviera's Turquoise Coast, where age-old trails take you to the ancient sarcophagi of Termessos and the eternal flames of the Chimaera. Explore beachfront ruins and Roman baths, then set sail for the secluded coves of Kekova Sound and swim above the underwater remnants of the 2,400-year-old Lycian city of Aperlae. From Fethiye's Ottoman center, you can walk to a Roman amphitheater and a crumbling Crusader castle, or to the local fish market for dinner al fresco. The excavated Greco-Roman city of ancient Ephesus offers grand houses with gorgeous mosaics and wall paintings while, in Oludeniz, a walk from a shimmering lagoon leads to Kayakoy, an eerily intact mountain town abandoned by its inhabitants in the 1920s. Throughout it all, you'll feast on freshly prepared *meze*, or Turkish tapas, and other delicacies that fuse ancient Middle Eastern and Greek cuisines into history you can really sink your teeth into.

For complete tour details Click Here



CAPPADOCIA POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Explore this region's lunar-like landscape, houses built into stone cliffs, and optional balloon ride (additional charge).

4 days, 3 nights | $1,648 (Single +$249)

For details Click Here



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Explore this region's lunar-like landscape, houses built into stone cliffs, and optional balloon ride (additional charge).

4 days, 3 nights | $1,648 (Single +$249)

For details Click Here



Country Feasts for Body & Soul

With extraordinary walks every day, it's no wonder many of this tour's lunches take place trailside. These aren't ordinary picnics, however. On tablecloths spread beneath trees, you'll take in mountain and valley views while sharing a banquet of local delicacies like chorizo, Iberico ham, paté, duck, sardines, regional cheeses, and fresh-baked pastries. Delight in every bite!

GUIDED

Granada to Seville

The Spirit of Southern Spain

Architecture and history come to life on this journey through southern Spain's royal cities, whitewashed towns, and glorious mountain landscapes. After a guided tour of the Alhambra's magnificent ancient complex of fortified palaces, you'll follow shepherd roads past Andalucian farmhouses to the historic town of Antequera and the Torcal de Antequera, a flower- and wildlife-filled maze of surreal outcroppings marked with countless fossils. Walk between Montecorto and the mountain village of Grazalema, a typical "white town of Andalucia," surrounded by Sierra de Grazalema Natural Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Explore the dramatic ridgelines of the Sierra de las Cumbres before heading to Ronda, a cliff town overlooking a river gorge where your hotel perches on the very edge. Local cultural treasures come into focus in the Old Quarter's churches, palaces, and Moorish mosque ruins. Then, Seville beckons, with rambling, narrow streets and historic neighborhoods packed with tapas bars, flowered balconies, and landmarks like the 10th-century Alcazar royal palace, whose Islamic and Neoclassical details perfectly symbolize the region's many cultural influences.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain with 3 days of easy city walking; 6-10 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Granada / Seville, Spain

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,848* (Single +$630)
Dates: Apr 16-23, May 14-21, Sept 17-24, Oct 15-22

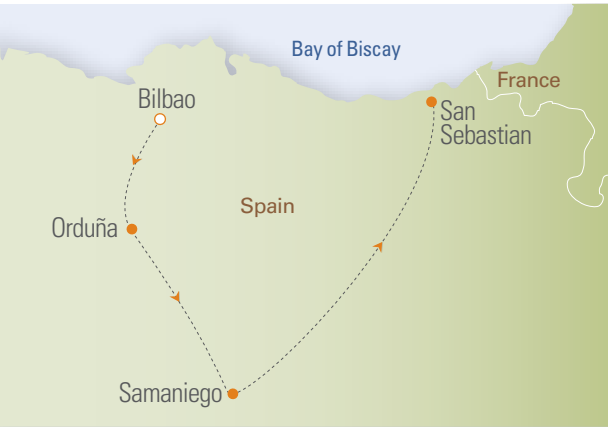
P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 5-9 guests: $4,948 / 10+ guests: $4,848

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.



From a former customs house complete with a thermal spa to a country inn and an old-world beachfront hotel, each night will be spent in a private oasis that is a singular highlight all its own.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-7 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Bilbao / San Sebastian, Spain

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,398* (Single +$500)
Dates: May 22-28, June 12-18, Aug 28-Sept 3, Sept 25-Oct 1, Oct 2-8

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 5 guests: $5,298 / 6-9 guests: $4,798 / 10+ guests: $4,398

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Basque Country

A World Apart

This journey of discovery immerses you in a unique culture thriving amidst some of Europe's most diverse geography. Surrounding the walled feudal town of Orduña, walks through high plateaus, rugged canyons, and mountain greenery end with lunch in a traditional farmhouse. While in La Rioja's wine country, rolling fields lead to towns where stone buildings are mixed with avant-garde architecture—a perfect setting for exploring vineyards, wine cellars, and medieval ruins. Arriving at San Sebastian's coast, you'll discover ancient whaling settlements and walk through fruit orchards to cliffs that plummet to the Atlantic far below. Cross the border into France, where elegant villa-lined beaches invite a leisurely stroll. At every stop, you'll meet people dedicated to their culture and feel a vibrant sense of place. This might mean joining in a game of *pelota* or enjoying plenty of *pintxos*, small plates of delectable regional specialties. Throughout your journey, you'll sample the new Basque slow-food cuisine, whose fresh twist on traditional fare highlights your trip into the heart of this splendid region's heritage.

For complete tour details Click Here



On the Pilgrim's Path

Outside Zumaia, you'll hike a section of the original path of the Camino de Santiago, the ancient route of pilgrims, to Santiago de Compostela. Our guests say that walking a trail that humans have trod for a thousand years is a profound spiritual experience that will always remain with them.

Rails to Trails

On Day Two, your tour maps will lead you to a new bike path following an 1887 rail line originally just 75 centimeters wide. The tiny steam train that traveled between Palomós and Flaça was called “Tren Petit” and it survived until 1956. Today, it is a scenic trail you’ll have largely to yourself.



SELF-GUIDED BIKING

Contrasts of Catalonia

A Cyclist's Dream

Why imagine yourself biking in delightful Mediterranean breezes, past turquoise seas, and through the glow of Spain's famous Pyrenées-framed countryside when you can actually do it! Set out from the ancient Roman tower in medieval Pals for deserted beaches whose waters offer cooling respites, then enter the pine forests of Begur, where you'll discover an 11th-century castle and superb coastal views. At Torroella de Montgri, explore age-old Roman defenses, then wander the feudal hamlet of Fonolleres and the carved stone alleyways of historic Peratallada. In La Bisbal, you'll find markets famous for antiques and pottery, and an 8th-century castle you'll call home. Pedal to the walled village of Ullastret, the site of one of Spain's original Iberian settlements, and stop for a tasty lunch in Sant Feliu de Boada. Take your time, because there's lots to see—the thousand-year-old cathedral at Castello d'Empuries, the 12th-century church in sun-dappled Fonteta, the Moorish tower houses of Ermedas, and much more. From tapas in lively towns to the views from the lighthouse at Llafranc, it's the cycling dream of a lifetime.





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 15-25 miles daily
Start & End: Flaçà, Spain

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,498* (Single from +$450)
Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts and four dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 8-13 miles daily
Start & End: Flaçà, Spain

SG Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,148* (Single from +$465)
Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts and four dinners included.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

Classic Catalonia

Ancient Places & Modern Pleasures

This self-guided adventure takes in all the glories of Catalonia—the pristine beaches of its Mediterranean coastline, hilltop villages with inviting markets, historic landmarks, and myriad opportunities to sample Catalan specialties. Follow your chosen route to the 11th-century palace at Peratallada, a medieval village with beautiful arches, secret passageways, and shaded squares that's known as the best-preserved in Spain. In Monells, tasty options for lunch will fuel you for your visit to La Bisbal, a lively market town recognized for its pottery and historic Old Quarter. The Teatre-Museum Gala Dali in the town of Figueres makes for an inspired visit. Walk through fields of sunflowers across the Emporda plain to the walled village of Ullastret, whose archaeological excavations reveal an ancient Iberian settlement. Move on to Begur, where thousand-year-old castle ruins stand next to shops, restaurants, and impressive villas. You'll discover the secluded village of Sa Tuna and its sandy cove, and take cool forest paths to the seaside town of Tamariu, where you pick up a gorgeous coastal trail with scenery as sublime as any in Spain.

For complete tour details Click Here



Adventure Uncorked

Outside Palafrugell, you'll enter a forest dotted with cork trees, which centuries ago built Catalonia's economy. Skilled *taponeros,* cork craftsmen, and cork traders welcomed the world to these shores as demand for their product grew. This unique history is traced in the Cork Museum, the only one of its kind in the country.



Nature's Sweet Spot

A perfect combination of rich volcanic soil, year-round temperatures near 70°, and a balance of sun and rain make Madeira heaven on Earth for plants and people alike. You'll see astonishing varieties of flowers, trees, and megaflora—over 700 species live here in the world's largest laurel forest.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

Madeira Island

A Nature-Lover's Paradise

Three hundred miles off the African coast lies the island of Madeira, a subtropical Shangri-la known as the "Atlantic's floating garden." With tremendous summit vistas and infinite ocean views, this enchanting nature-lover's paradise has a vast traffic-free trail network that follows its unique *levada* water channels. You'll venture into a lush world of mountain habitats, terraced vineyards, and colorful villages where you experience generous Madeiran hospitality. It's a moderate tour with serious walks, but if you don't mind some heights, grab your maps and follow trails from the sleepy wine village of Santana in the north to bustling Funchal in the south. Visit the famous wicker shops of Camacha and the delightful A-frame houses in Santana, which lead to the historical and cultural exhibits at the Madeira Theme Park. Head to Santo da Serra to savor grilled delicacies in its vibrant square and explore the 18th-century fort in 14th-century Machico. Whether it's fabulous waterfalls and tranquil beaches or botanical gardens, busy outdoor markets, and distinctive wines, Madeira has all the ingredients for the ideal independent walking adventure.





DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain; 6-12 miles daily
Start & End: Funchal Airport, Madeira

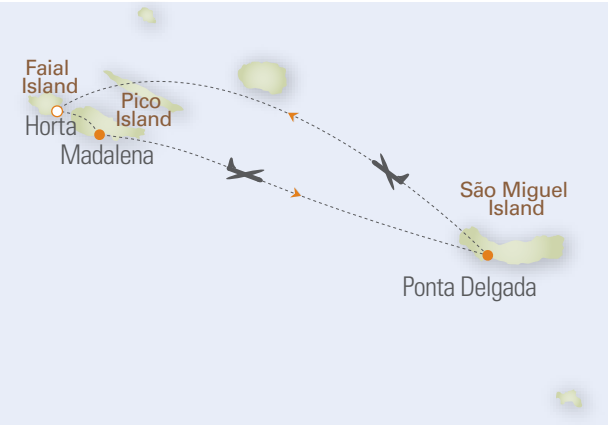
Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,148* (Single from +$285)
Departures: Feb-Nov

*All breakfasts, two lunches, and all dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here



In the legendary UNESCO-preserved vineyards on Pico Island the grape harvest marks the year's most celebrated season and dreams of the delicious vintages to come.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: São Miguel Island, Portugal

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,998* (Single +$675)
Dates: May 27-June 2, July 29-Aug 4, Sept 9-15

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 2-3 guests: $4,398 / 4-5 guests: $4,298 / 6+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

The Azores

Lost at Sea in a Land of Wonders

In this magical archipelago in the middle of the Atlantic, you'll explore three of the chain's nine enchanting islands and discover an unspoiled paradise of mesmerizing vistas, rare plants, dramatic geothermal phenomena, and a rich trove of seafaring history. On São Miguel, follow the rim of an extinct volcano to the famed Blue and Green crater lakes. Forested paths through giant acacia, ginger lilies, and hydrangea lead to prime bird habitat, and a picnic and a swim at refreshing Salto do Prego waterfall. At Furnas Lake, geysers and fumaroles surround an 18th-century botanical garden and the village of Furnas, where you'll savor a traditional *cozido* (hot-pot stew) simmered underground for hours. Join sailors for a drink in historic Horta, then take a scenic ferry to Pico Island, whose eponymous mountain is one of Portugal's natural wonders. Explore Lajes do Pico, a former whaling village dating to 1460 and the island's original settlement, discover UNESCO-preserved vineyards, and savor treats like fortified *verdelho* wine, just-picked tropical fruits, local cheeses, and succulent seafood delicacies at your oceanfront accommodations.

For complete tour details Click Here



A Thousand Miles from Ordinary

Located over a thousand miles from mainland Europe, there's no place on Earth like Faial. Known as the "blue island" for its hydrangea-adorned hillsides, it's a place where you'll walk the rim of an extinct volcano to magnificent oceanic panoramas stretching to distant islands and views of Pico Mountain, Portugal's highest peak.



The Real Art of Travel

In the town of Gharb, plan your day around the Ta' Dbiegi Crafts Village, an incredible collection of shops where you'll meet and watch craftspeople practicing their time-honored arts. From leather and lace to candles, jewelry, and pottery, there's something for everyone—even handmade glassware that's kept the island's world-famous glassblowing traditions alive.

SELF-GUIDED BIKING

The Island of Gozo

A Ride along Coastal Trails

Gozo may be only 50 miles south of Sicily and just offshore from Malta, but its relaxed pace and quiet trails are worlds away. Here, gentle biking terrain on less-traveled coastal byways makes it easy to slow down and savor the enchanting Mediterranean vistas, perfect picnic spots, and peaceful scenes you'll encounter again and again. Pedal your way to Xewkija, site of the third-largest domed church in Europe, and the temples of Ggantija in Xaghra, which contain archaeological wonders dating to 3500 BC. Visit Xerri and Ninu's grottoes, two formation-filled caves that lie inside their owners' homes, and take the road to Xwejni, lined with pine and white oleander, where the beach is so narrow that its boathouses were cut into adjacent cliffs. In the fertile fields outside San Lawrenz, you'll encounter the Romanesque Basilica of Ta Pinu before visiting Dwerja Point for spectacular coastal sights like the Inland Sea, Fungus Rock, and the Azure Window, a natural stone arch that frames the infinite blues of sea and sky.





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy terrain; 5-10 miles daily
Start & End: Malta International Airport, Malta

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,248* (Single from +$315)
Departures: Jan-May & Sept-Dec

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy terrain; 3-6 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Amsterdam, Holland

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,998* (Single +$550)
Dates: Apr 22-28

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,298 / 6+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

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Tulips, Windmills & Waterways

Natural History & Artistic Heritage

Home to a distinctive culture and some of Europe's greatest treasures, Holland is a destination like no other. This perfect cross section of unique history, art, and nature begins on Amsterdam's canals with a tour of sights from the Old South architecture district to the Anne Frank House. In coastal Haarlem, your boutique hotel is just a short stroll from medieval churches and 500 years of Dutch art in the Frans Hals Museum. In Kennemerduinen National Park on the North Sea, you'll find Holland's largest dunes, while walks in De Hoge Veluwe National Park's ancient heath and oak forests end at the Kröller-Müller Museum's collection of nearly 300 Van Gogh paintings and works by Rodin in Europe's largest sculpture garden. Explore Utrecht from the landmark Rietveld-Schröder House to the winding Kromme Rijn River before lunch at the charming Amelisweerd Estate. Then delve into a past of witch-weighing and rope-making in the protected medieval village of Oudewater before capping your experience in Kinderdijk's windmill country by walking among these working icons of Holland.

For complete tour details Click Here



The Best Tulip Show on Earth

Your trip coincides with the annual Keukenhof Tulip Show in Lisse. Open for just a few weeks each spring, this brilliant display of boundless color is the world's largest flower garden. Some seven million bulbs covering 80 acres are planted each year, and you'll be there when they bloom into the floral spectacle of a lifetime.



The Infinite Charms of Séguret

Sitting on the outskirts of the Dentelles de Montmirail, Séguret is known as one of the most beautiful villages in France. Here, amidst medieval belfries and gates, you'll find cafés, restaurants, shops, and festivals that contain a microcosm of everything for which Provence is beloved. Feel free to adjust your day and linger!

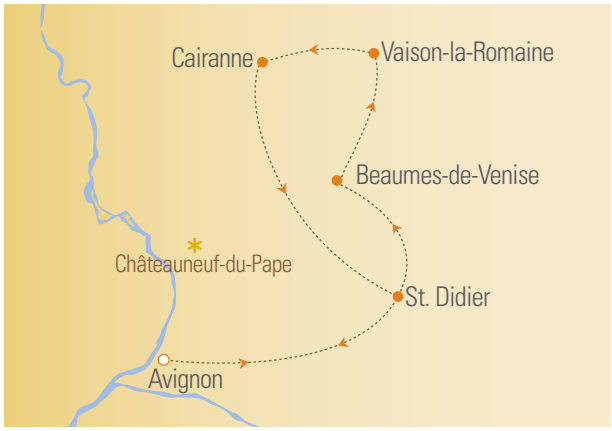
SELF-GUIDED BIKING

Landscapes of Provence

Gastronomy with a Side of History

Biking is an ideal way to experience Provence. The pace here is leisurely, which means plenty of time to explore this region's harmonious beauty, and sample its myriad selections of food and wine. On routes framed by lavender, sunflowers, and the stately peaks of Mont Ventoux, you'll encounter quaint villages and hilltop towns with narrow stone streets, inviting bistros, and energetic market squares. Pedal to medieval Carpentras and its olive-oil museum, then see the château at Crillon-le-Brave. In Vaison-la-Romaine, home of France's most remarkable archaeological site, there are 4,500-year-old Roman ruins, while in Avignon artworks and cultural sites will amaze you. Explore the 12th-century castle in the village of Le Barroux and enter prehistoric caves in Beaumes-de-Venise. Throughout it all, you'll savor incomparably delicious Provençal feasts and sample some of the world's finest wines at internationally acclaimed Côtes du Rhône vineyards like Gigondas and Châteauneuf-du-Pape.





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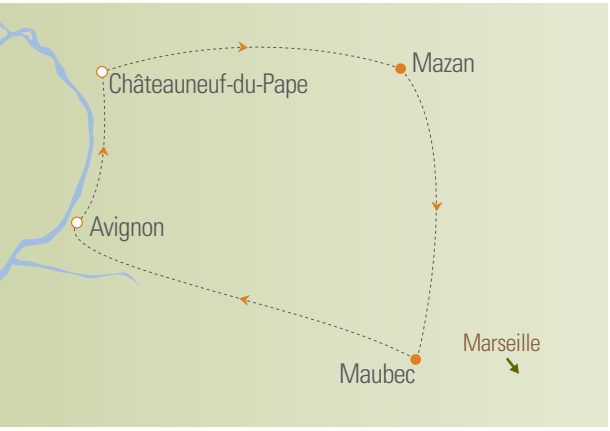
Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 14-24 miles daily
Start & End: Avignon, France

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,948* (Single from +$450)
Departures: May-Oct

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Avignon, France

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,598* (Single +$695)
Dates: May 7-13, June 4-10, Sept 10-16, Sept 24-30, Oct 1-7

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,698 / 6+ guests: $4,598

*All meals included except two lunches and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Provence

The Beauty of Simplicity

In Provence, you'll experience all that the region is famous for and something more—a simpler way of life. You'll see it in rural markets bursting with produce, honeys, cheeses, patés, breads, flowers, and artisan wares. And you'll find it in the people who inhabit this rolling countryside of forested hills and fertile valleys. Your paths will lead to the cobblestone byways of hilltop, medieval villages like Gordes, formally ranked among France's most beautiful towns, and to the ruins of the 12th-century castle in Vaison-la-Romaine. Walk to the Abbaye de Sénanque, a 12th-century Cistercian stronghold, and into hamlets like labyrinthine Bonnieux and isolated Sivergues, home of the historic Fort de Buoux. There are games of *pétanque* waiting to be played in local squares and "Grande Randonnée" trails to hike in the Montmirail hills. And the food! From picnic feasts to gourmet restaurant repasts, legendary culinary traditions will satisfy your senses like the perfume of lavender and thyme that drifts on the breezes of Provence.

For complete tour details Click Here



The Art of the Grape

In La Roque-Alric, you'll meet an expert vintner who'll bring France's wine country to life with an exploration of *terroir*—the alchemy of soil, climate, and topography that cannot be duplicated. A tasting will demonstrate how *terroir*, grape varieties, growing methods, and the winemaking process produce each vintage's unique flavor.



Big Things Come in Small Packages

The Renaissance Château de Troussay may not be the valley's largest, but it's one of the most alluring. Plan your day with plenty of time to see its many sculptures, the impressive collection of furnishings dating from the 1400s, and its agricultural museum. Your visit may even end in a picnic with the owner!

SELF-GUIDED BIKING

The Loire Valley

Riding in Château Country

From its legendary wine estates and palatial châteaux to its stunning scenery and culinary traditions, the entire Loire Valley is a UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll discover why it's so prized as you ride between châteaux and visit the wine-and-cheese caves created by quarrying the stone that built them. Begin along the Cher River at Renaissance Château de Chenonceau, a vision of unmatched architectural splendor. Ride the vibrant streets of Amboise and visit Clos Lucé, a 15th-century manor-house museum honoring Leonardo da Vinci, who's buried nearby. Stop in the tranquil and picturesque village of Limeray or watch wildlife in Autrèche, then stroll the gardens of Chaumont, the spectacular château that once belonged to Catherine de Medici. See the priceless antiques at Cheverny's castle and the portrait gallery at the 16th-century Château de Beauregard. Just pack your appetite! You'll have numerous opportunities for tastings at famed vineyards and enjoying meals of regional cuisine featuring local fish and game.





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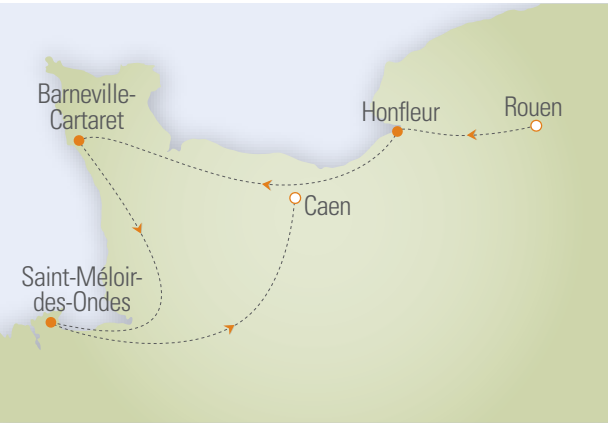
Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy terrain; 17-23 miles daily
Start & End: Blois, France

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,698* (Single from +$445)
Departures: May-Sept

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-6 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Rouen / Caen, France

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,598* (Single +$695)
Dates: Apr 1-7, May 6-12, June 24-30, Sept 9-15, Oct 7-13

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $5,198 / 6-9 guests: $4,998 / 10+ guests: $4,598

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Normandy & Brittany NEW!

The Art of All Things Français

On France's striking northern coast, you'll witness where art and history meet dramatic ocean cliffs over seas that yield gastronomic delights. From the cathedrals and cobblestones of medieval Rouen, you'll travel the Routes des Fruits through orchard country to Honfleur, where painters Monet and Courbet found inspiration. Amble the towering Cliffs of Étretat to the famous Manneporte rock arch, the Porte d'Aval, and the resort of Étretat, home of author Guy de Maupassant. On the shores of Normandy, you'll see the German bunkers that confronted D-Day troops and walk along Omaha Beach as your guide recounts the story of this hallowed ground. Then wander seaside trails on the Cotentin Peninsula, a land of unspoiled rocky coastlines, tranquil bays, quiet settlements, and bird-filled estuaries. At every turn, you'll enjoy treats like buttery, jam-covered croissants; lunch at William the Conqueror's castle; and evening oceanic feasts, including a meal at Olivier Roellinger's restaurant, one of the rare few worldwide with three Michelin stars.

For complete tour details Click Here



Walking to an Ancient Island

The ancient island monastery of Mont St. Michel is one of the world's most breathtaking sights. And you'll have ample time to admire it on your walk across the surrounding tidal flats. Here, extensive low tides expose the sea floor to permit guided exploration of its many natural wonders and remarkable vistas.



Chocolate's Sweet Spot

After a picnic beneath the Aiguille of Combal, you'll travel past the tree line to Rifugio Elisabetta, a stone chalet over 7,000 feet up with perfect views of Mont Dolent. Here, milk from cows grazing the meadows below is turned into an ultrathick, delectably rich hot chocolate that's like no other on Earth.

GUIDED

The Mont Blanc Circuit

Where Earth Meets Sky

With its route around Europe's highest point, the legendary Mont Blanc Circuit is one of the world's great treks, a single itinerary that combines an ongoing series of breathtaking Alpine panoramas with the distinct cultures of France, Italy, and Switzerland. Walking between mountain inns, you'll discover a landscape of soaring rock spires and glittering glaciers that frame riotously colored, wildflower-strewn meadows and classic Alpine villages. Take sky-high paths and ancient Roman roads to towns like Courmayeur, whose sidewalk cafés serve gelato and other treats after you've lunched on cured meats and cheeses at a local trattoria. Imposing views of summits like Aiguille Verte and Aiguilles Rouges lead to Grand Col Ferret and *Heidi* country, where rustic chalets with geranium-filled window boxes beckon. Take in the celebrated mountain reflections on the still waters of Lac Blanc and enjoy a refreshing beer and lemonade *panaché* in Les Chapieux. Then ride La Flégère cable car into Chamonix Valley for a leisurely jaunt along the Arve River, where the Mont Blanc massif seems almost close enough to touch.





DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Challenging terrain; 6-7 hours daily
Meet & Depart: Chamonix, France

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,198* (Single +$400)
Dates: July 10-18, July 24-Aug 1, Sept 4-12

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,598 / 6+ guests: $4,198

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Cheese lovers rejoice! There's no end to exquisite varieties you'll sample, from classic Beaufort to delectable Reblochon Tomme de Savoie.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain; 5-6 hours daily
Meet / Depart: Chamonix, France / Courmayeur, Italy

PO Private-Only Guided Adventure
Price from*: 3-4 guests: $4,198 / 5+ guests: $3,898
Optimal Travel Dates: Late June-Sept

*All meals included except two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

PRIVATE ONLY

French & Italian Alps

Taking the High Road

The Alps rank among Europe's most enthralling destinations, and this journey into their loftiest regions provides pleasure in generous abundance. We've kept the route simple because there's so much to see, and that means more time for adventure and a truly immersive Alpine experience. It includes the best hiking in the Alps and walks through national parks and nature reserves, as well as strolls through world-class resort towns filled with all kinds of culinary treats and marvelous shops. There are high-country lakeshores to wander and remote Alpine meadows to cross, glaciers to see and Europe's greatest peaks to explore. At mountain refuge huts and farmhouses, you'll savor local cheeses, blueberry tarts, cured ham, and sausages with views of legendary Mont Blanc. Family-owned restaurants and elegant bistros offer some of the world's finest French and Italian fare. Add to all this our seasoned resident guides who know the best local trails and overlooks, and you've got the ultimate Alpine trek.

For complete tour details Click Here



Railway to the Sky

Your private itinerary provides lots of summit options. There are cable cars to ascend mountains like 12,637-foot Aiguille du Midi and cog railways that seem to ride down from the sky. Walk on your own or use the occasional chairlift to give your feet a break. It's your choice in an Alpine kingdom that's never been easier to explore.



Walking among the Walsers

In the mountains and valleys surrounding Davos, you'll discover the unique heritage of the Walsers, a Germanic people who settled in the Alps long ago. Isolated by forbidding terrain, the Walsers managed to preserve their ancient language and traditions, and today their unique Bavarian-style hamlets are one of the region's most memorable cultural highpoints.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

Davos

Walks in Alpine Grandeur

A true walker's dreamland, Davos offers miles of scenic Alpine trails ambling through meadows scattered with wildflowers, exciting tramway adventures, and soaring peaks that brush the sky. Settle in at the elegant 19th-century Hotel Meierhof and relax as you enjoy the complete flexibility that comes from staying at a single inn and choosing your own daily destiny. When you're ready, set out on footpaths that lead past quintessential Swiss mountain peaks like Scalettahorn and Schwarzhorn, and take the cable car to the serene settlement of Sertig and Gross Alp's hypnotic waterfall. On mountain routes lined with irises, you'll meander past grazing cows and rare larch-roofed chalets to panoramic summits like Hauderalp. In the village of Monstein, you'll find Europe's highest-altitude brewery, and in Davos itself you'll explore one of Europe's oldest mountain resorts. Filled with a wealth of unique shops and entertainment options, the town features cultural highlights like the Ernst Kirchner Museum's extensive collection of acclaimed works, and bountiful dining possibilities that offer Swiss delicacies from wild-mushroom ragout with olive ravioli to sweet home-baked strüdel.





DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-12 miles daily
Start & End: Davos, Switzerland

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,098* (Single from +$0)
Departures: June-Sept

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-10 miles daily
Start / End: Obergesteln / Blitzingen, Switzerland

SG **Self-Guided Adventure**
Price from: $2,348* (Single from +$125)
Departures: June-Sept

*All breakfasts and dinners included.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

The Valais & Goms Valley

The Alps' Best-Kept Secret

The Goms Valley is perhaps Switzerland's best-kept secret. Situated near the Italian border in the southern Alps, this undiscovered region is a haven for experienced travelers seeking to avoid the crowds and enjoy a wilder Alpine experience. Your self-guided walks here will have all the hallmarks of classic Swiss adventure—picturesque villages nestled against dramatic snow-clad peaks and lush meadows. Explore on your own schedule through green hills to Geschinen and walk into bluebell-dotted pinewoods to the charming village of Oberwald, where 9,000-foot peaks tower above. Follow a riverside path from Münster to Gluringen's beautiful baroque church and take a cable car to the top of the Eggishorn. Known as the "Mountain of Views," its 360 degree vistas take in the Aletsch Glacier and the Aletsch-Jungfrau-Bietschhorn UNESCO Natural World Heritage site, nearby 13,000-foot summits, and legendary Mont Blanc to the distant west. It's just one of the many natural spectacles you'll find waiting on this in one of Switzerland's most untouched regions.

For complete tour details Click Here



Raclette for Everyone!

Don't say we didn't warn you: the Swiss delicacy known as raclette is so delicious, it may be the only thing you feel like eating. To create it, a wheel of local cheese—Orsieres, for example—is melted and scraped hot onto plates over delectables like thin-sliced potatoes, gherkins, pickled onions, and cured or smoked meats. As the Swiss say… *prima*!



Something to Write Home About

Blessed with the perfect shoreline location, the family-run Hotel Gruenberg on Lake Traunsee will be your home for two nights. Enjoy the fabulous views of Gruenberg Mountain, but save some time for an optional cooking class with owner Ingrid Pernkopf, a renowned chef and cookbook author whose dumplings are manna from Gmunden.

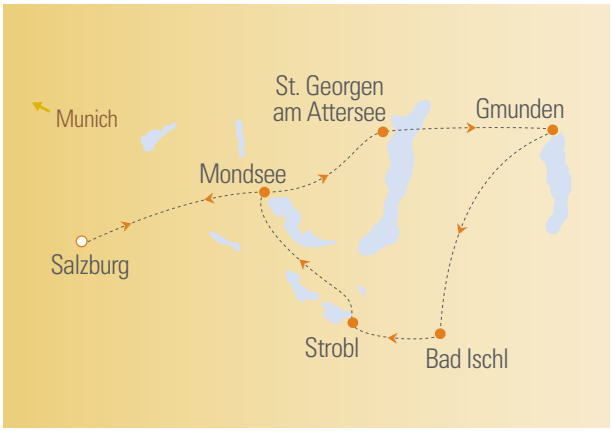
SELF-GUIDED BIKING

The Lakes Region

A Few of Our Favorite Things

This bicycle journey through Austria's lake country follows delightfully traffic-free routes to baroque palaces, historic castles, mountain lookouts, and quintessential storybook landscapes. Pedal from Mondsee after your visit to the church used in *The Sound of Music*'s wedding scene to the shores of Attersee Lake, where you may opt for a boat ride to the picture-perfect village of Weyregg. At Schorfling, you'll see a castle that the painter Gustav Klimt depicted in his work before moving on to the brightly colored townscape and cobblestoned marketplace of Gmunden. Here, you can sail the *Gisela*, the last of the coal-fired paddle steamers, and take a cable car to the top of Grunberg for dazzling Alpine vistas and views of the 17th-century "floating castle" Seeschloss Orth. Ride through ancient forests to Emperor Franz Joseph's former summer residence at Bad Ischl, take the St. Wolfgang cog railway to the summit of Schafberg, and head into the sky on the Zwolferhorn tramway. Then there's Salzburg, a timeless urban masterpiece of baroque perfection, with must-see sights like the Hohensalzburg Fortress, beautiful Mirabell Gardens, and the Mozart Museum.





DETAILS

Length: 11 days, 10 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 10-24 miles daily
Start & End: Salzburg, Austria

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,898* (Single from +$195)
Departures: May-Sept

*All breakfasts and eight dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here



You'll have time to revel in Stubaital Valley views during walks through the region's meadows, Tyrolean villages, and mountain slopes.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Munich, Germany / Salzburg, Austria

G Guided Adventure
Price: $4,298* (Single +$275)
Dates: June 24-July 1, Aug 26-Sept 2, Sept 9-16

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 5 guests: $4,598 / 6-8 guests: $4,398 / 9+ guests: $4,298

*All meals included except two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

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Bavaria & the Tyrol

Cultural Marvels in Alpine Splendor

Experience Bavarian culture on this walk along Alpine paths, through valleys and picturesque hamlets. You'll visit elegant palaces—like the Venus grotto, gardens, and tapestry chambers of King Ludwig's extraordinary Schloss Linderhof castle—and historic churches, including the 18th-century Wieskirche, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the 14th-century onion spires of the church of St. Bartholoma. High trails in Alpach lead to dazzling views, wildflower meadows, and majestic waterfalls, while charming mountain villages like Neustift offer homemade lunches at centuries-old *erbhof* farmhouses preserving the Tyrolean way of life. Indulge in *kaffee* and artful *kuchen* cakes at local cafés or sip fresh German ale in a beer garden. You'll delight in a flügelhorn demonstration at famous Echo Wall on the emerald waters of the Königssee in Berchtesgaden National Park, and enjoy browsing the medieval riches of Innsbruck. There's even a traditional participatory *heimatabend* evening of Bavarian music and dancing, and a special *Sound of Music* tour that showcases Salzburg's unique history.

For complete tour details Click Here



To the Top of the Tyrol

Your walks through the forested slopes of the Stubaital Valley will carry you to more than Tyrolean villages and mountain farms. Take a two-mile panoramic gondola ride to the "top of the Tyrol," where you'll don crampons for a walk down the immense Stubai glacier.



The Force of Water

Iceland is sculpted by water as much as fire. From discovering a hidden world of vivid green moss behind a 130-foot cascade in Seljalandsfoss to an awe-inspiring trek through a fjord in Seyðisfjörður featuring an unbelievable 25 torrents, the country's 10,000 waterfalls mean you're never far from some of Earth's greatest aquatic spectacles.

GUIDED

Reykjavík & National Parks

Land of Astonishment

The summer sun never sets on this breathtakingly lush land of verdant hills, active volcanoes, fumaroles, and mudpots—this adventure puts Iceland's surreal beauty on full display. From Þingvellir National Park, site of Iceland's millennia-old parliament and nearby world-famous Gold Falls, you'll journey to Vík, whose huge black sea columns are said to be trolls turned to stone. Beneath the sea cliffs of Skógar, you'll tour Iceland's finest folk museum before exploring the glaciers, lava fields, and black-sand desert at Skaftafell National Park. Boat through Jökulsárlón Lagoon's massive blue-tinted ice forms and take a "midnight sun" kayak tour acclaimed as one of Iceland's top-ten "musts." You'll see Europe's largest migratory-bird sanctuary at Lake Mývatn, a peaceful oasis surrounded by steaming earth, and visit Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall, witnessing firsthand Iceland's ongoing birth. Go in June for peak bird-watching, July for wildflowers, or August for trailside berry feasts. Even the cuisine will surprise you, whether it's butter-grilled langoustine tails or Icelandic delicacies like arctic char, trout, free-range lamb, and reindeer.

Reykjavík & the Blue Lagoon Pre-Tour Extension

Enjoy the famous Blue Lagoon, take a guided walking tour of Reykjavík, and overnight at a historic hotel.
1 day, 1 night / $550 (Single +$150)

Call, or visit our website for details.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-9 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Reykjavík, Iceland

G Guided Adventure

Price: $5,998* (Single +$700)
Dates: June 26-July 3, July 10-17, July 31-Aug 7

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-8 guests: $6,448 / 9+ guests: $5,998

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

For complete tour details Click Here



Bowness-on-Windermere is more than a classic English estate house once owned by author Beatrix Potter. It's your home for a night of luxury only British tradition could provide.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Penrith, England

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,998* (Single +$350)
Dates: May 20-26, July 15-21, Sept 2-8, Sept 23-29

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 3 guests: $4,198 / 4+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

The Lake District

Artistic Inspiration & Natural Splendor

In the pastoral tranquility of England's Lake District, you'll find more than the storybook landscape that's inspired writers and artists for centuries. You'll discover a slower way of life perfectly suited to leisurely adventures. Rolling hills, gentle mountains, and sparkling lakes merge into deep green fields and thick forests that mingle with whitewashed cottages and medieval hamlets. Start at Aira Force, the renowned Lake District waterfall, where your guides set the stage with stories from the region's romantic past. In Lake District National Park, settlements like the Celt-founded Pooley Bridge feature ancient pubs replete with traditional meals. Cross the Renaissance-era bridge over the River Derwent and explore the village of Grange in Borrowdale Valley. At gorgeous Whinlatter Pass, the region's wilder side is revealed amidst the peaks surrounding Crummock Water and Buttermere Lake. Stay at the country estate once owned by beloved author Beatrix Potter, ride a Victorian steam yacht on Lake Coniston, and explore the delightful village of Hawkshead.

For complete tour details Click Here



Poetry in Motion

Trace Wordsworth's footsteps from his preserved Dove Cottage home to his estate at Rydal Mount. Here, the resident caretaker gives you an exclusive private tour of the house and gardens Wordsworth himself designed. It's an experience that culminates with a poetry reading followed by a glass of wine and homemade gingerbread.



Cultivated Beauty

Your self-guided journey will take you to Batsford Arboretum, where 50 acres of woodland walking trails contain some 1,300 species of trees, shrubs, and bamboo from all over the world as well as a collection of Japanese bronze statues. Dating to the 1880s, Batsford is today one of England's (and botany's!) most famous landmarks.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

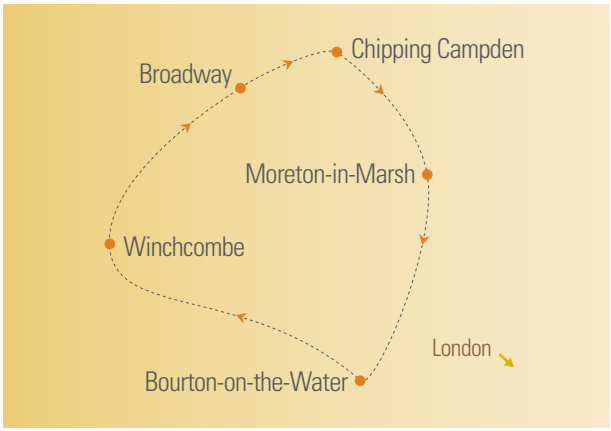
The Cotswolds

Revised Itinerary

Quintessentially English

Covering some 800 square miles, the Cotswolds are England's largest "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty," and it's easy to see why. This region of ancient limestone villages and gentle hills (or "wolds") is the essence of England. Though time appears to stand still here, you won't! You'll follow detailed maps from the historic market town of Moreton-in-Marsh to Bourton-on-the-Water, the "Venice of the Cotswolds." Peruse the antique shops in Stow-on-the-Wold, then meander on your own schedule to the Saxon capital of Winchcombe, site of the 500-year-old Sudeley Castle. Walk to Broadway, where 16th-century architecture commands attention and an 18th-century folly tower rises from a lonely hilltop. Dive still deeper into history at the ruins of Hailes Abbey, one of the most important Cistercian monasteries in the country. Explore the almshouses and covered market of Chipping Campden on a route that provides a wealth of discoveries—from tiny shops and Elizabethan cottages to gourmet restaurants and village pubs where you can savor a pint with local residents.





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 6-12 miles daily
Start & End: Moreton-in-Marsh, England

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $1,598* (Single from +$515)
Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts included.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 8-25 miles daily
Start / End: Ludlow / Elton, England

SG Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $1,498* (Single from +$390)
Departures: Mar-Sept

*All breakfasts included.

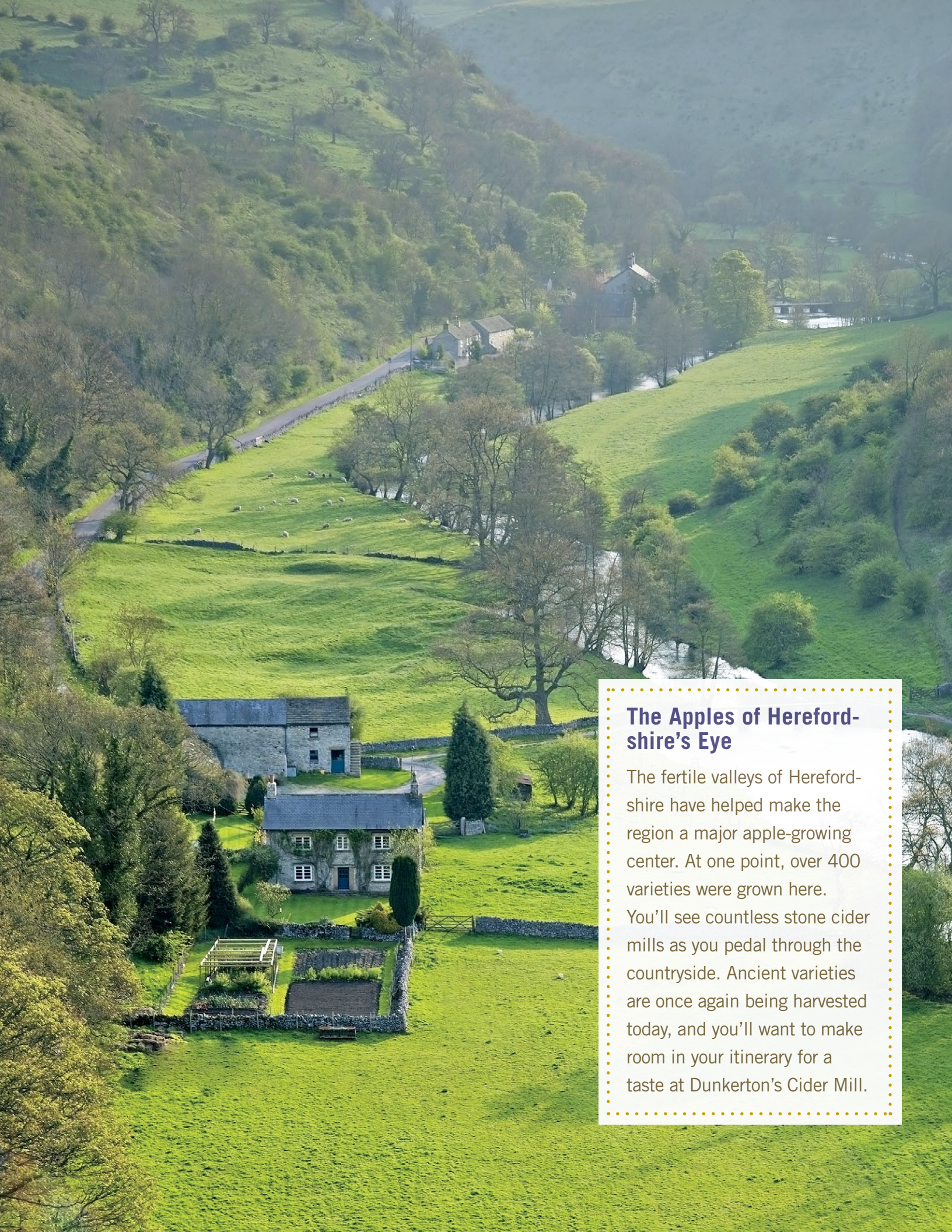
SELF-GUIDED BIKING

The Wye Valley

Cycling through the Borderlands

This two-wheeled adventure through the rolling hills and valleys of the Welsh-English borderlands takes you into a world of perfect hamlets and isolated churches, nature reserves, and thousand-year-old elm trees. In Ludlow, the Slow Food capital of Shropshire, you'll follow village lanes to half-timbered houses, busy markets, a towering medieval castle, and over 500 registered historical buildings. Then head west along the Teme and Lugg rivers past waterwheels and hilltop forts to Pembridge, where you can enjoy a pint in a 670-year-old pub and explore the town's renowned craft workshops. Browse the legendary bookstores of Hay-on-Wye and meander through 9th-century Crannog, a royal Celtic dwelling in the Llangorse Lake nature sanctuary. Riding into the Black Mountains, take time to enjoy the view at Gospel Pass, then continue on to visit the bell tower in Yarpole—the oldest timber structure in Great Britain. From landmarks like 14th-century Croft Castle to Croft Ambrey's preserved Iron Age fort, you'll cycle through more history in a week than some see in a lifetime!

For complete tour details Click Here



The Apples of Hereford-shire's Eye

The fertile valleys of Hereford-shire have helped make the region a major apple-growing center. At one point, over 400 varieties were grown here. You'll see countless stone cider mills as you pedal through the countryside. Ancient varieties are once again being harvested today, and you'll want to make room in your itinerary for a taste at Dunkerton's Cider Mill.



Boughs & Byways

On the banks of the River Tay, take all the time you need to find the fabled Birnam Oak and Birnam Sycamore, two trees of incredible size, unfathomable age, and timeworn legend. Believed to be remnants of the forest Shakespeare's Macbeth named the Birnam Wood, they're perfect backdrops for contemplating this historic region.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

The Highlands NEW!

Into the Hills of History

Amble through countryside punctuated by turreted castles and purple-heathered hills, where lochs sparkle near wild woodlands and rivers wind to views of moorland sky and bog. It's the perfect setting for Arthurian sagas and your own epic adventures, too. Let your maps guide you from 13th-century Blair Castle and the gardens of Atholl Estate to the Pass of Killiecranckie, site of a famous 1689 battle. The ancient forests along the River Garry lead to great bird-watching at Loch Faskally, while the trail to Bealach Pass offers some of Scotland's finest views. If you're game, trek to the summit of Ben Vrackie. Then descend to sleepy 5,000-year-old Moulin village, home to the 1695 Moulin Inn & Brewery and picturesque Edradour Distillery, Scotland's smallest. Ride scenic rails to the western coast's glens and lochs, and take in Fort William's stunning views of Ben Nevis, Great Britain's highest peak. Walk the Great Glen Way and the West Highland Way, Scotland's original long-distance trail, or take a steam locomotive to Mallaig over the 21-arch Glenfinnan bridge, made famous by the *Harry Potter* films.





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-11 miles daily
Start / End: Dunkeld / Fort William, Scotland

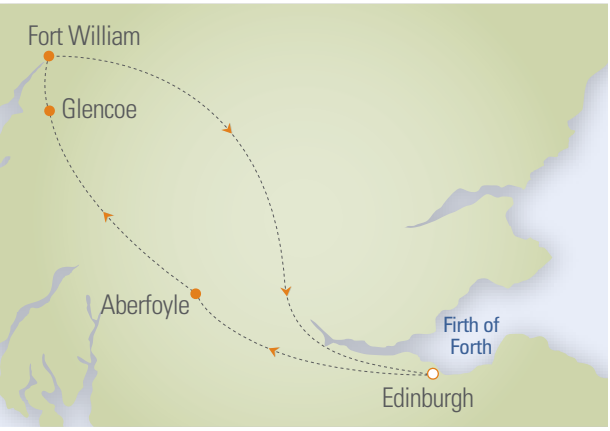
Self-Guided Adventure
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Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts, one lunch, and four dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here



Take time to speak with one of the many friendly faces you'll meet along the route through the highland region.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Avignon, France

G Guided Adventure
Price: $4,598* (Single +$695)
Dates: May 7-13, June 4-10, Sept 10-16, Sept 24-30, Oct 1-7

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,698 / 6+ guests: $4,598

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Southwest Highlands

High-Country Walking

A world unto itself, the mountains of Scotland's high country conceal a bewitching land of lonely moors, winding lochs, and remote farming hamlets whose people are happy to share a wee dram. After an introductory walk to panoramas of nearby lochs, ancient castles, and historic ruins, you'll proceed to Loch Katrine, the subject for the writings of Sir Walter Scott. Take a 19th-century steamship to Stronachlachar for views of Loch Lomond, the UK's longest stretch of fresh water, and visit 500-year-old Ledard Farm, where owners Fergus and Gregor provide an afternoon of authentic rural experiences. Walks on the West Highland Way and the Devil's Staircase reveal a wild region filled with birdlife and blue-sky vistas. Board a train and cross the 21-arch Glenfinnan viaduct, recognizable from the *Harry Potter* movies. Mallaig, a thriving fishing community and gateway to the Inner Hebrides, offers a respite after your trek to Loch an Nostarie. Complete your journey at 13th-century Inverlochy Castle, and a walk on Neptune's Staircase at the famous Caledonian Canal.

For complete tour details Click Here



The Full Scottish Treatment

Your immersion in Scottish culture means sampling steak-and-ale pie, haggis, Perthshire lamb, salmon, and smoked haddock chowder in tea shops and local pubs. But the high point comes when your local guide, Stuart Hall, dresses in full Scottish regalia from kilt to sporran and, in his gentle brogue, reads the poetry of Robert Burns.



Where History Meets the Sea

On the Isle of Anglesey, 5,000 years of Welsh history tumble down green hills to Irish Sea waters. Visitors swear the air is different here, and it's easy to see why. With lonely lighthouses and countless traces of Bronze Age civilization mingling with puffins and porpoises, the sense that you've stepped back in time is palpable.

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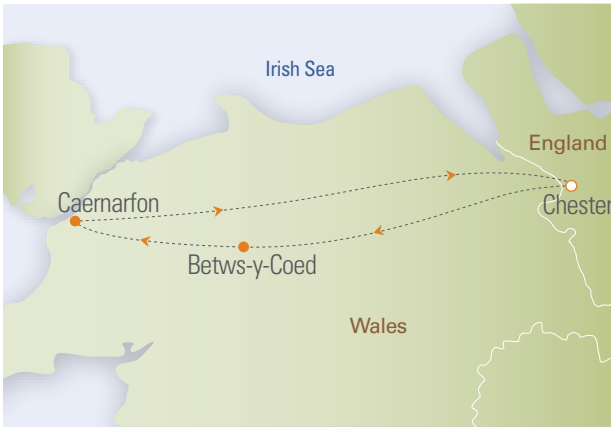
Snowdonia & the Northern Coast

King Arthur Territory

According to guide Peter Cooper, guests on our Wales tour often depart with an intense sense of belonging. The Welsh have a word for it: *hiraeth*, which means "homecoming." It starts with an instant immersion in ancient history and mythology that extends from celebrated Dolwyddelan Castle, built in 1210 by Llewelyn the Great, to the oft-told local tales of fairies and elves that infuse the region with a sense of magic. This feeling continues in Snowdon, Wales' highest peak and the fabled final resting place of an ogre killed by King Arthur, and in the ancient Druid burial chambers at Bryn Celli Dhu. You'll also find it in the remnants of Iron Age civilization at Caer y Twr and in the classic Arthurian towers of Conwy Castle. And it's waiting in medieval Caernarfon Castle, site of Prince Charles' investment ceremony, and the historic Ty Gwyn Hotel in the artists' colony of Betws-y-Coed, a 16th-century coach inn now run by a colorful Welsh family, where hearty traditional breakfasts prepare you for the day ahead.



Country Walkers guide Zak Griffiths-Key and a guest review the adventure ahead.



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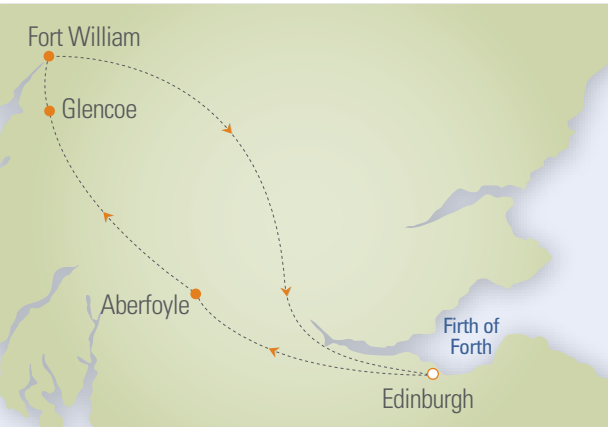
Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Chester / Chester or Manchester, England

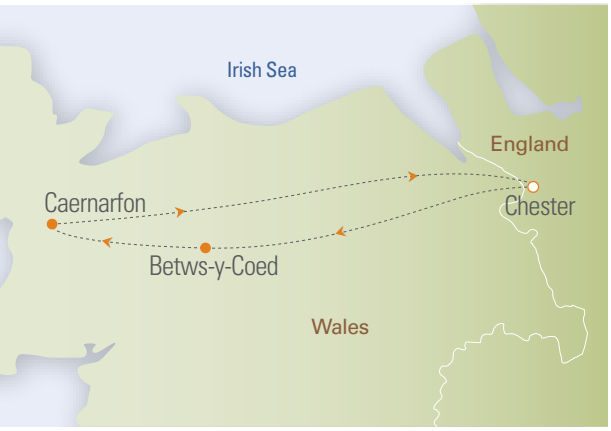
G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,898* (Single +$475)
Dates: May 13-19, June 10-16, Sept 9-15

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 3 guests: $4,098 / 4+ guests: $3,898

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 14 days, 13 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Edinburgh, Scotland / Chester or Manchester, England

G Guided Adventure

Price: $7,748* (Single +$825)
Dates: Sept 2-15

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $8,148 / 6+ guests: $7,748

*All meals included except three lunches and three dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED DUO

Scotland & Wales

Heading Deep into Anglo Heritage

Though thoroughly modern, Wales and Scotland in some ways remain lost worlds of mythic tales and unspoiled country in which the past is ever present. On this immersion into their complex history, interwoven culture, and splendid scenery, you'll journey from Scotland's 13th-century Inverlochy Castle to Wales' Roman ruins. Explore the Southwestern Highlands, where legends come alive in the dark lochs and castles that mark its storied landscape. You'll visit with the owners of a 500-year-old farm in the Rob Roy country and trek through forests and windswept moors. Here, mountain trails lead to broad vistas and gorgeous Glen Coe. Then depart for Wales and discover rugged Snowdonia National Park and the Victorian-era artists' colony at Betws-y-Coed between tours of formal gardens and medieval citadels. There are walks through traditional villages, Bronze Age forts, and pre-Christian monuments, and a visit to the Isle of Anglesey's wildlife paradise. On the way, savor local specialties like Snowdonia lamb and Scottish salmon, not to mention freshly pulled pints and warming malts with newfound friends.

For complete tour details Click Here



More than Just a Bed

In Snowdonia, you'll stay at the family-run Ty Gwyn Hotel, a traditional 16th-century coach inn. Settle into its inviting nooks and historic rooms as chef-owner Martin and his wife Nicola welcome you into the fold. Enjoy Martin's signature gourmet feasts, which pair fresh, local ingredients with new spins on classic Welsh cuisine.



A Harvest of History

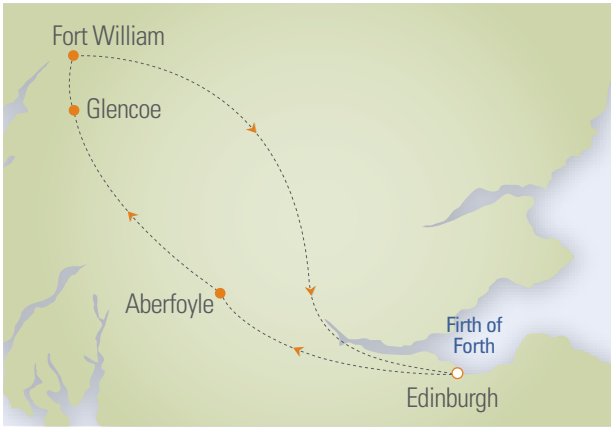
West of Aberfoyle, in the glens of the Welsh Trossachs, you'll drop in at Ledard Farm, the gathering place of the Gregor clan since 1474. Father and son Fergus and Gregor will take you on a tour of their 537-year-old homestead and offer an afternoon of genuine Scottish hospitality, complete with a kilt-tying lesson.

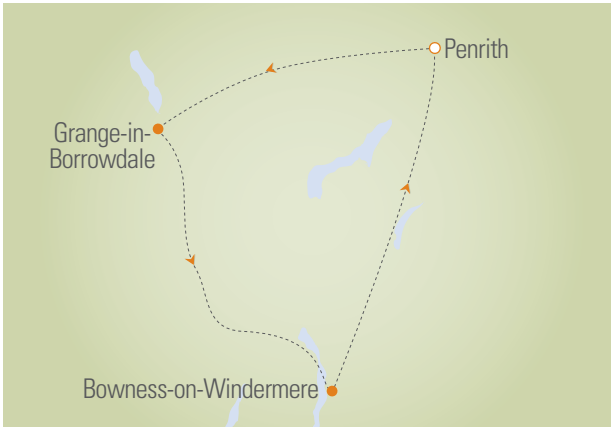
GUIDED DUO

Scotland & England

The Ultimate UK Adventure

This unique adventure combines two of the UK's most acclaimed walking destinations into one uncommon journey through a world filled with ancient landmarks and ageless nature. Begin in Scotland's scenic Western Highlands, a wild and unspoiled region of picturesque lochs, deep coniferous forests, and scenic moors filled with historic sites and medieval fortresses. Visit Inverlochy Castle, walk the Devil's Staircase, and cross the arched Glenfinnan viaduct of *Harry Potter* fame on the way to panoramic views, rustic villages, and welcoming inns. Then explore the Lake District from England's highest peak to its deepest freshwaters. Wander through rural hamlets imbued with classical English charm and visit the homes of William Wordsworth, who declared the region "one of the loveliest places that man has ever found." Sweeping views from mountain trails lead to lakeshore paths that end at cozy pubs, tearooms, and tables filled with local delicacies. You'll even stay in the country house once owned by children's book author Beatrix Potter.





DETAILS

Length: 14 days, 13 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Edinburgh, Scotland / Penrith, England

G Guided Adventure

Price: $7,798* (Single +$700)
Dates: July 8-21, Sept 16-29

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $8,198 / 6+ guests: $7,798

*All meals included except two lunches and three dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 5 days, 4 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-10 miles daily
Start & End: Dublin, Ireland

SG Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $1,198* (Single from +$205)
Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts and one dinner included.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

County Wicklow NEW!

Into the Garden of Ireland

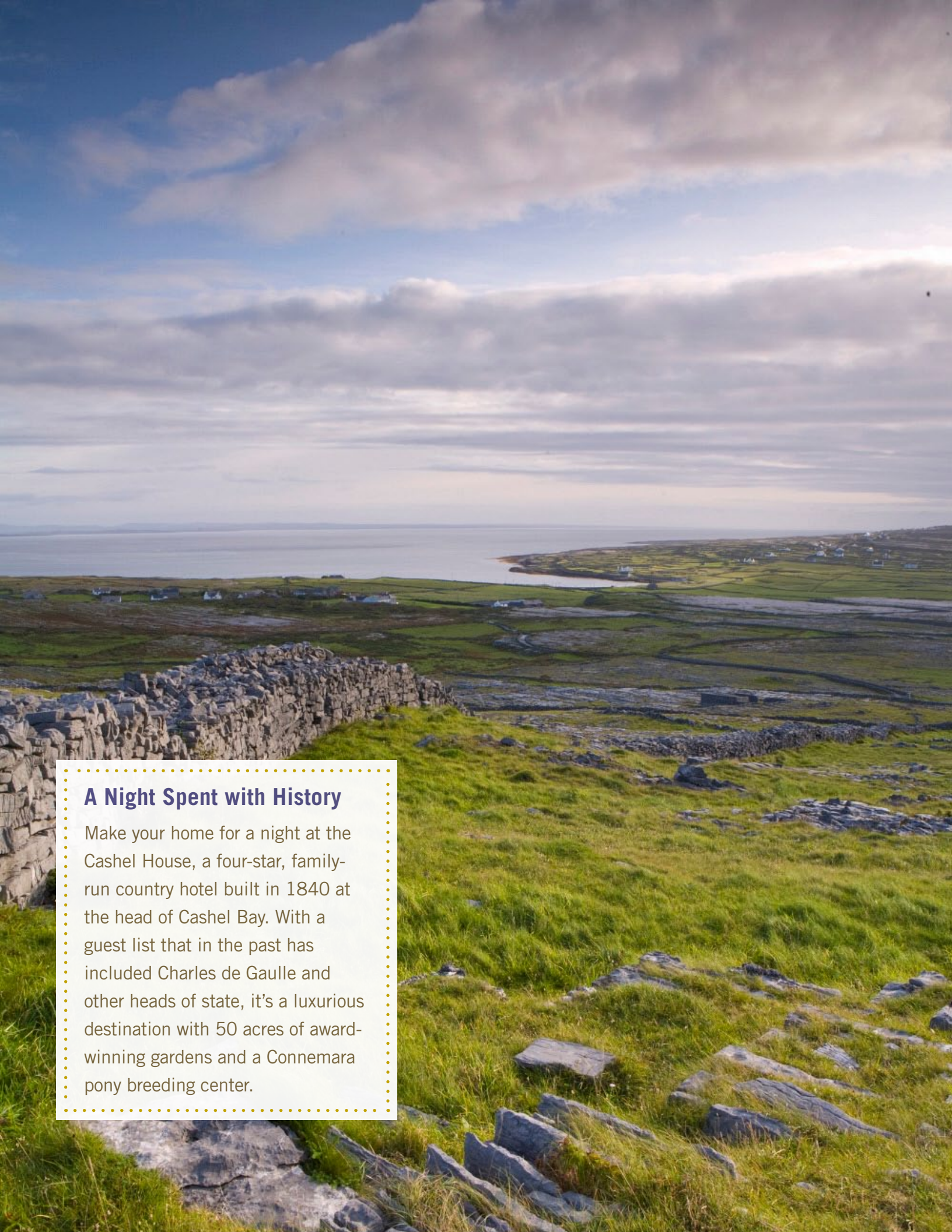
Known as "The Garden of Ireland" County Wicklow is one of Ireland's true scenic treasures. It's a place where idyllic pastoral views frame quaint villages, and walking trails follow rivers and glens to mountaintops and peaceful valleys. The Wicklow Way, Ireland's first long-distance self-guided trail, is just one of many options you can choose on an adventure whose routes include everything from gentle strolls on shoreline boardwalks to rewarding ridgeline trails for the real enthusiast. Pick your paths and your preferences, and see sights like the remains of the 6th-century monastery of St. Kevin and its famous round tower. Explore Wicklow Mountains National Park, then follow the Derrybawn Woodland Trail to scenic waterfalls and expansive valley overlooks. Some of the county's best views can be seen along the Mullacor Col Trail, while the scenic route to Knockree takes you past glittering Lough Tay to the UK's highest waterfall. Relax between walks in one of the many traditional pubs with superb live music providing a soundtrack to your personal Irish adventure.

For complete tour details Click Here



Wool the Way Nature (and History) Intended

The Irish are known for their woolens, and you'll find their very best in County Wicklow, home of Avoca Handweavers. Dating from 1723, their working woolen mill on the banks of the River Avoca is the oldest in the entire country.



A Night Spent with History

Make your home for a night at the Cashel House, a four-star, family-run country hotel built in 1840 at the head of Cashel Bay. With a guest list that in the past has included Charles de Gaulle and other heads of state, it's a luxurious destination with 50 acres of award-winning gardens and a Connemara pony breeding center.

SELF-GUIDED BIKING

Clare & Galway NEW!

Freewheeling across Ireland

On this easy-pedaling route through two distinct regions, you'll roll past ocean vistas into some of Ireland's most compelling countryside. Begin on the Burren, a 100-square-mile limestone escarpment framed by sky and sea. From Ballyvaughan, a spectacular coastal road leads to windswept views at the dramatic Cliffs of Moher. Picnic on a secluded beach, savor tea and scones at a tiny café outside harborside Doolin, then travel via ferry to Inis Mor, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Here, the authentic Irish language and music remain very much alive, and easy rides between empty beaches and intricate stone-wall mazes take you to the ancient barbarian fort of Dun Angus. Back on the mainland, you'll wheel into Clifden, where dramatic bog roads beneath the Ben Mountains ramble past tranquil lakes and over the peat that still fuels this region's home fires. Take the famous Skye Road, visit Kylemore Abbey, explore Connemara National Park, or indulge in seaside golf, deep-sea fishing, and pony trekking into the wild Irish realm Oscar Wilde called "a savage beauty."





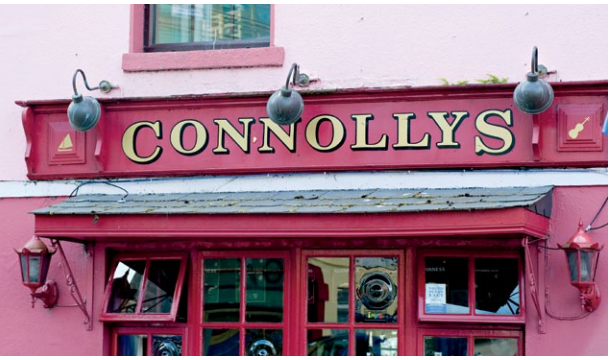
DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 11-12 miles daily
Start / End: Shannon / Galway, Ireland

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,798* (Single from +$575)
Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts and four dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here



The wilds of Ireland may lie on the edge of civilization, but it seems you're never more than a walk away from one of the country's many historic pubs.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Shannon, Ireland

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,198* (Single +$550)
Dates: May 21-27, June 18-24, Sept 3-9

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 6-8 guests: $4,398 / 9+ guests: $4,198

*All meals included except two lunches and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Connemara & Galway Bay

Dramatic Cliffs & Countryside

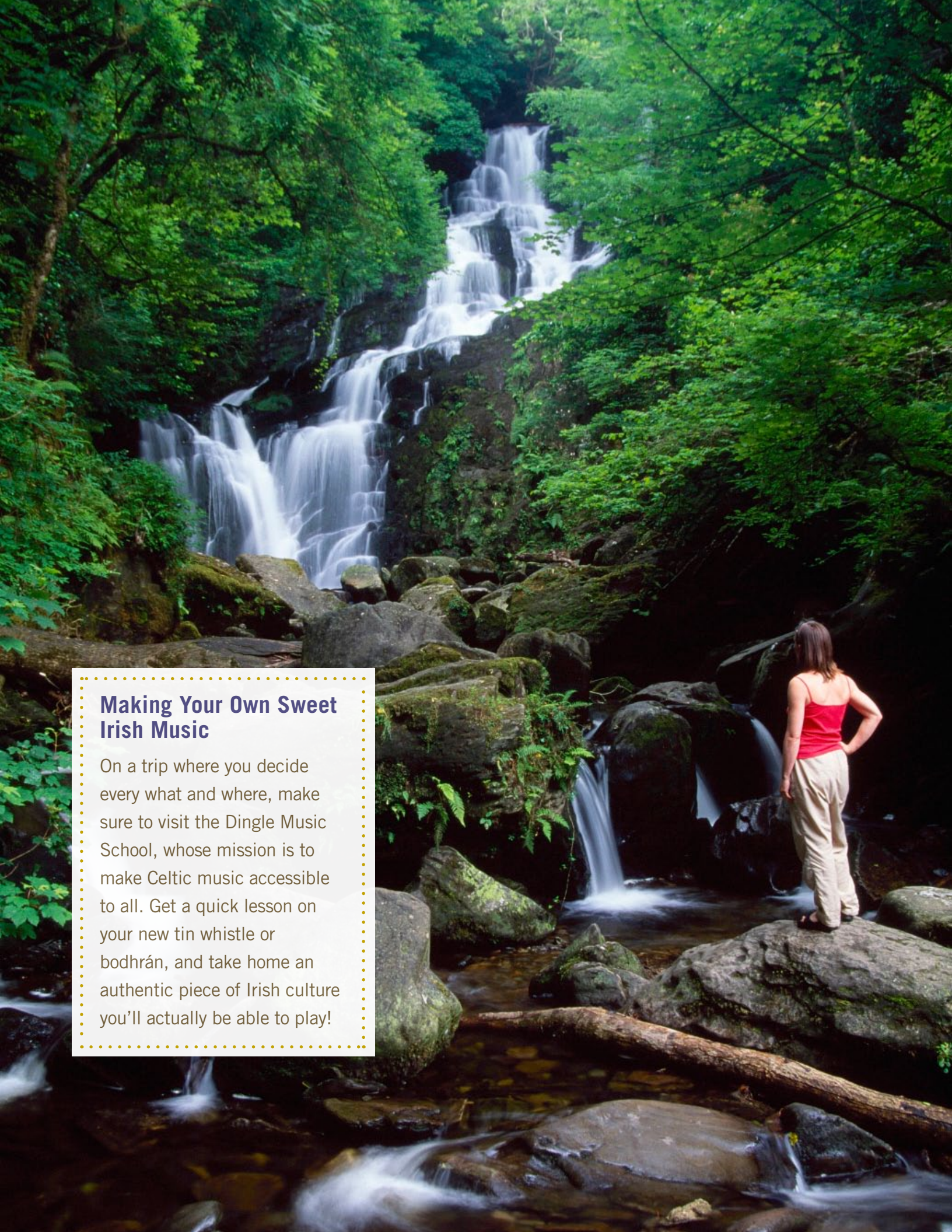
Discover the magic of Ireland's landscapes, its Celtic past, and a people quick to share their storied wit over a pint. Accompanied by local aguides well versed in history, lore, and natural science, this adventure takes you from the dramatic heights of the coastal Cliffs of Moher to the pink-granite shores of legendary Omey Island. On the, way you'll travel through isolated fishing villages and verdant farm country to the Burren, a geological wonder hosting rare plants, an Iron Age fort, and a Bronze Age burial ground. Visit the little-known 7th-century monastic ruins of Kilmacduagh and stroll the vibrant streets of Galway, Ireland's cultural heart. There are sweeping views to discover high in the Mamturk Mountains and haunting places to explore, like Killary Harbor, the country's only fjord and site of the abandoned village of famine-stricken Foher. From Inishbofin, an island of golden beaches and grassy paths favored by artists and pirates, to the "fairy hills" of Sheeauns and the vast beauty of Connemara National Park's Roundstone Bog, Ireland's dramatic landscapes are yours to relish.

For complete tour details Click Here



Irish Ecotourism

Settle in at luxurious Gregans Castle Hotel, a four-star haven recently accredited by Ecotourism Ireland. Dinners in this Georgian country manor house feature sumptuous slow-food meals prepared by acclaimed master chef Mickael Viljanen, who uses only local organic ingredients in his interpretation of Irish cuisine.



Making Your Own Sweet Irish Music

On a trip where you decide every what and where, make sure to visit the Dingle Music School, whose mission is to make Celtic music accessible to all. Get a quick lesson on your new tin whistle or bodhrán, and take home an authentic piece of Irish culture you'll actually be able to play!

SELF-GUIDED WALKING

Cork & Kerry NEW!

From Sea to Summit

This walking adventure offers you some of the most fascinating explorations of Irish history available. Whether Ice Age landmarks and medieval sites or modern pleasures in the region's colorful towns, you'll meander between coastal marvels and inland wonders on your choice of routes highlighting the full spectrum of Irish heritage. Begin in the mountain wilds of Gougane Barra Forest Park, where valley vistas sweep to lakeshores. Spend a day sampling local flavors at your own pace in the golfing and shopping haven of Kenmare before departing for the waterfalls and red-deer herd in Killarney National Park. After the Victorian splendor of restored Muckross House and Gardens, explore Muckross Traditional Farms, which recreate 1930s rural life. Take a horse carriage to the scenic Gap of Dunloe and visit 15th-century Ross Castle and 4,500-year-old Bronze Age mines. Moving toward the Atlantic, you'll discover beaches and Neolithic beehive huts on the Dingle Peninsula. While here, take a sailing trip to the Blasket Islands, go whale-watching, and relax in a local pub that often features entertainment by local musicians playing traditional Irish tunes.





DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-9 miles daily
Start / End: Shannon / Tralee, Ireland

Self-Guided Adventure
Price from: $2,248* (Single from +$595)
Departures: Apr-Oct

*All breakfasts and five dinners included.

For complete tour details Click Here



Though its pub clocks will try to convince you otherwise, you'll find that time often seems to stand still on the Dingle Peninsula.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Shannon, Ireland

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,998* (Single +$345)
Dates: May 28-June 3, June 11-17, Aug 20-26, Sept 10-16

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4 guests: $4,398 / 5 guests: $4,098 / 6+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included except two lunches and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Dingle Bay & Killarney

A Crucible of History & Nature

This journey of discovery begins in picturesque Dingle, where seafaring traditions pervade a vibrantly painted townscape, artisan shops, and tempting eateries. Short walks lead to golden beaches along rocky shores, and green hills that rise over dramatic North Atlantic seas. Roam from early-Christian sites like the 8th-century Gallarus Oratory to Killarney National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site hosting Ireland's last red deer, its highest peaks, and Ross Castle. On pristine Inishfallen Island, your expert guide will recount the tale of St. Fionan monks who recorded Ireland's earliest history, before taking you on Old Kenmare Road to the rare yew forests of Muckross Lake and perfect country views of heather-clad mountains. Spend evenings in the Malton, a 150-year-old architectural jewel with acres of manicured gardens. Here you'll sample nouveau Irish cuisine taking traditional local ingredients to new heights. Leave some time for pub-hopping with delightful new friends and reflect on the Irish trails over which you've rambled.

For complete tour details Click Here



Stories from the Land

Out among Slea Head's Iron Age ruins and beehive huts, where grass-covered mountains line white shores by a turquoise sea, your guide will tell the moving tale of the Blasket Islands, a Gaelic stronghold whose people learned to write in order to save their ancient oral traditions before being forced from their ancestral lands.



Mysteries of the Irish Sea

The tales you'll hear told over pints in local pubs come to life in striking Strangford Lough, where expert kayakers guide you among the shallow inlet's 70 islands and into one of the three marine reserves in the UK to spot seals, porpoises, and basking sharks.

GUIDED

Causeway Coast & the Mournes

Where Legends Come Alive

Named one of *National Geographic Adventure*'s 25 Best New Trips in 2010, our Northern Ireland adventure is steeped in centuries-old history. Here, in this rugged land of stony hills, green pastures, and cliffs that plunge to windswept seas, the line between legend and reality fades. Your first hint comes at 600-foot-high Fair Head, Northern Ireland's tallest ocean cliff. Ride a ferry to Rathlin Island to find ochre crags and seastacks filled with kittiwakes and razorbills. At the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site, you'll explore a vast expanse of hexagonal stone columns said to have been laid by a goliath. Wander Dunseverick Castle's ruins and perhaps discover rare orchids in Whitepark Bay Nature Reserve, then depart for County Down, where the mountains of Mourne sweep through a dune heath to ocean waves. From the medieval towers of Castle Ward's grand estate to Slieve Donard, Ulster's highest peak and a landscape of lichen-covered trees, rocky waterfalls, and hidden grottoes, you'll find it easy to believe in Irish magic.



At the Giant's Causeway, mythic tales from a distant past meet windswept Atlantic shores in whose waves you'll hear Northern Ireland's ancient heartbeat.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Guided Adventure

Price: $3,998* (Single +$495)
Dates: July 16-22, Aug 6-12

Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 6-8 guests: $4,598 / 9 guests: $4,198 / 10+ guests: $3,998

*All meals included except two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 14 days, 13 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Shannon, Ireland

G Guided Adventure

Price: $7,948* (Single +$895)
Dates: May 21-June 3, Sept 3-16

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 5 guests: $8,548 / 6-8 guests: $8,248 / 9+ guests: $7,948*

*All meals included except five lunches and three dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

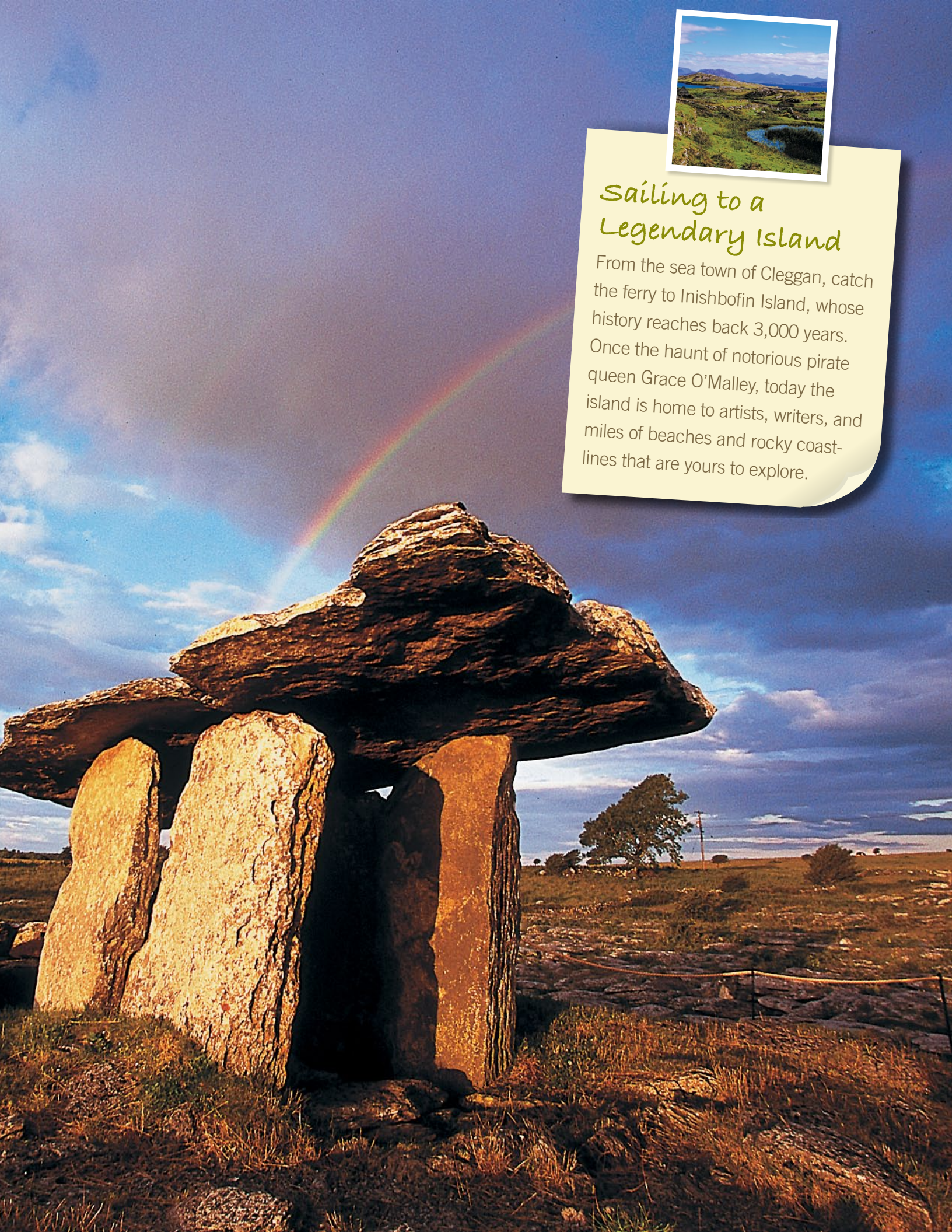
GUIDED DUO

Connemara & Killarney

A Pair of Emeralds

If you're looking to delve more deeply into Gaelic culture and Irish beauty, look no further than this Duo adventure, which takes you into the myths, history, and natural wonder of Ireland's most scenic counties. In Connemara, you'll encounter a majestic coastline whose sheer cliffs and unusual limestone formations are home to an Iron Age stone ring fort, Bronze Age burial sites, and 7th-century monastic ruins. Led by guides equally well versed in history and natural science, you'll explore a village deserted during the famine, the streets of Galway, the Roundstone Bog, Sheeauns' fairy hills, and the country's only fjord. Moving on to the iconic fishing village of Dingle, winding trails through grassy headlands will lead to black-rock precipices and peaceful beaches. Enjoy seafood feasts and hearty pub meals between visits to landmark early-Christian settlement sites, beehive huts, and beautiful Killarney National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to some of Ireland's most treasured landscapes and priceless cultural touchstones.

For complete tour details Click Here



Sailing to a Legendary Island

From the sea town of Cleggan, catch the ferry to Inishbofin Island, whose history reaches back 3,000 years. Once the haunt of notorious pirate queen Grace O'Malley, today the island is home to artists, writers, and miles of beaches and rocky coastlines that are yours to explore.

















Asia, Africa & South Pacific



Each room at Li'an Lodge in Longsheng seems like a minimuseum of Chinese heritage.



DETAILS

Length: 11 days, 10 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Beijing, China

G Guided Adventure

Price: $5,298* (Single +$975)
Dates: Oct 29-Nov 8

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 3 guests: $6,048 / 4-5 guests: $5,398 / 6+ guests: $5,298

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

Beijing, Xi'an & Southern Provinces

One Destination, Many Worlds

Your cross-cultural journey begins in the old quarter of Beijing's Forbidden City, where you'll explore narrow *hutong* alleyways, pass elders playing Chinese chess, and see shopkeepers selling snacks like *jian bing* pancakes. Learn to make dumplings with a local family and walk up the remarkable 800-year-old Drum Tower. Then it's on to Xi'an, where you'll come face-to-face with China's mysterious 2,000-year-old terra-cotta warriors, wander open-air markets, and enter intricately carved Ming Dynasty watchtowers. Heading into the countryside, you'll be immersed in another side of China. A hair-tying demonstration and a ride on a bamboo raft are just two of the highlights, with walks through landscapes of terraced fields, verdant rice paddies, serpentine rivers, and limestone karsts whose sheer walls rise to narrow points high above. At every stop, enjoy delicious feasts that put a whole new spin on "Chinese food" and relish accommodations like the Li'an Lodge, a living museum you'll call home.

For complete tour details Click Here



Away from the Crowd

You can't imagine going to China without visiting the Great Wall, but that doesn't mean walking it with a crowd. We'll explore one of the best-preserved and relatively isolated sections of the wall. Wandering between empty watchtowers, you'll be alone to experience this world wonder and UNESCO World Heritage site.



Cultural Peaks

Your exposure to Burma's culture peaks at vast Inle Lake, a mountain-rimmed jewel dotted with unusual floating gardens and enchanting villages on stilts. You'll walk through the jungle to hot springs favored by locals, tour a Buddhist monastery, visit an orphanage, and meet native craftspeople as you immerse yourself in a thoroughly unique way of life.

PRIVATE ONLY

Burma

A Special Golden Land

Burma is often an overlooked destination, but its vast natural beauty and cultural treasures guarantee it won't remain so forever. On your Private Adventure to the Golden Land, you'll see its unspoiled riches without the crowds. After a day in the capital of Yangon and a walk to a 2,500-year-old pagoda covered in 60 tons of pure gold, you'll head inland, where a warm welcome awaits you. Invitations to local homes for tea allow you to meet residents who rarely see Westerners. You'll visit timeless lakes and ancient monasteries, and even participate in a traditional Burmese marionette show. Sail the Ayeyarwaddy River at sunset and travel by horse and buggy. An optional sunrise balloon ride floats over hundreds upon hundreds of age-old temples and pagodas in Bagan, a vast realm of spiritual art and architecture. Enjoy fresh Asian cuisine and spend your evenings in delightfully varied, deluxe lodging that keeps you rested and ready for the next day's adventures.



The Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon is covered in 60 tons of pure gold.



DETAILS

Length: 10 days, 9 nights
Level: Easy terrain; 2-3 hours daily
Meet & Depart: Yangon, Burma

Private-Only Guided Adventure
Price from*: 3-4 guests: $3,998 / 5+ guests: $3,898
Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here

Explore the largest religious structure in the world at Angkor Wat, a Khmer temple filled with 900 years of Cambodian art, history, and tradition.





DETAILS

Length: 11 days, 10 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-5 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Luang Prabang, Laos / Siem Reap, Cambodia

G Guided Adventure
Price: $5,898* (Single +$750)
Dates: Nov 5-15

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 2-6 guests: $6,498 / 7+ guests: $5,898

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

Trails of Indochina

A Kaleidoscope of Cultures

This trek through the heart of Southeast Asian culture offers unparalleled diversity. You'll find it in the people, whose warmth ranges from relaxed in Laos to energetic in Vietnam. You'll see it in architecture that ranges from traditional Khmer temples to French-colonial and Chinese-style buildings. And you'll savor it in the glorious food, which presents a different mix of delicate and intense flavors at every meal. Your senses will be filled with exotic sights—Angkor Wat at sunrise, open-air markets brimming with merchandise, and jungle walks to cascading waterfalls. There are ancient temples, lost cities, and saffron-robed monks praying before towering shrines. You'll visit tribal villages preserving indigenous customs, meet the local weavers and craftspeople, and watch a magical water-puppet performance. One moment you're in a cavernous coastal grotto, and the next you're walking through glowing rice paddies en route to a rural village school and a social call in a nearby home. From the joyful *Lao Baci* welcoming ceremony to the final goodbye, it's an experience that's not to be missed.

For complete tour details Click Here



Into the Dragon's Lair

Board a luxurious traditional junk to explore Halong Bay (literally translated as Descending Dragon Bay) and its nearly 2,000 limestone karsts that rise abruptly from the sea. During your two-night sail, you'll enjoy fresh seafood feasts, visits to floating villages, kayak excursions, and tai-chi lessons.



Adventure Down Under

In Tasmania, you'll visit two national parks whose diverse landscapes offer flora and fauna unlike anything you've ever seen. Spend your days exploring, then retire at night in comfort at wilderness and oceanfront accommodations, where world-renowned wines, gourmet meals, and exquisite sunsets cap perfect days "down under."

PRIVATE ONLY

Tasmania

An Island Oasis of Diversity

Tasmania is one of the world's top walking destinations. With over 40 percent of the island protected as parkland, this unspoiled paradise is filled with natural wonders, ideal weather, and welcoming people you'll be delighted to meet. Begin with the myriad civilized pleasures of Hobart, then head into spectacular Freycinet National Park, where pink-granite peaks plunge to white-sand beaches on sapphire coves and rare orchids, eucalyptus forest, and coastal heath mingle with parrots, eagles, and dozens of other colorful bird species. Bustling port towns offering a wealth of fascinating historic sites contrast with wilderness trails to coastal rainforest, hidden lagoons, and undulating dunes. Explore Tamar Valley's wine country, then see Cataract Gorge on foot. At Cradle Mountain National Park, you'll find windswept moors and moss-lined waterfalls between glacial lakes and mountain pinnacles. Touch 1,500-year-old trees, enjoy a personal tour of the country's largest private photography gallery, and keep your eye out for miniature kangaroos, platypus, and the elusive Tasmanian devil on an adventure as diverse as the island itself.



The brilliant rainbow lorikeet is just one of many colorful species you'll add to your birding "life list" along Tasmanian trails.



DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain; 4-9 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Hobart / Launceston, Tasmania

Private-Only Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $7,398 / 6-7 guests: $6,198 / 8+ guests: $5,898
Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar

*All meals included expect two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here

Tranquil Lake Moeraki is the ideal setting for quiet kayaking surrounded by some of New Zealand's most impressive wilderness.





DETAILS

Length: 10 days, 9 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-8 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Christchurch / Queenstown, New Zealand

PO Private-Only Guided Adventure

Price from*: Jan-Apr 5-9 guests: $6,298 / 10+ guests: $5,798
Oct-Dec 5-9 guests: $6,398 / 10+ guests: $5,898
Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar

*All meals included except one lunch and one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

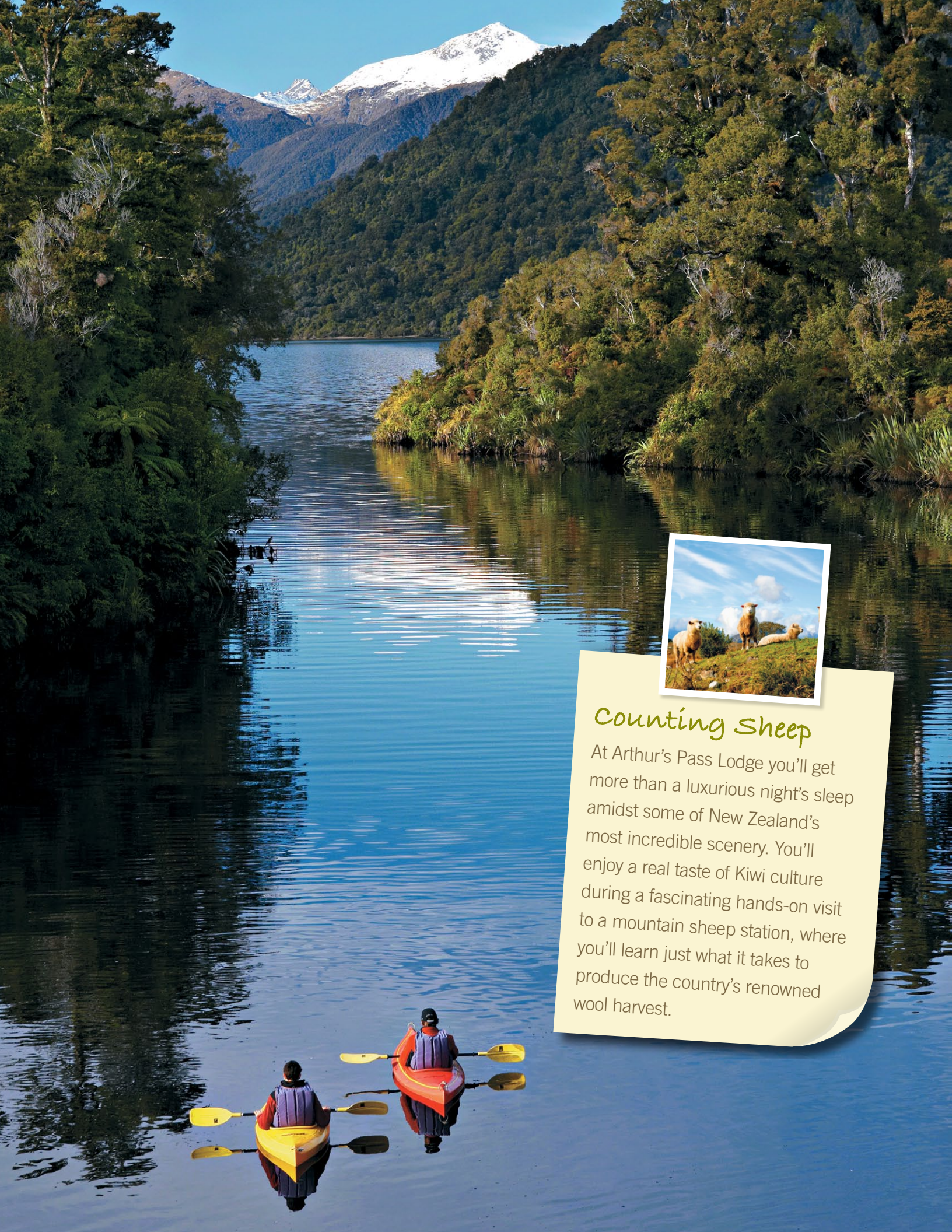
PRIVATE ONLY

The South Island

A South Pacific Gem

New Zealand's small size is deceptive—this tiny nation is home to vast scenic diversity, from titanic snowbound peaks that disappear into the clouds to serene Pacific sands, gorgeous rainforests to arid desert lands, and cool crystal-clear lakes to urban havens. Your "tramping" journey begins in the high country of the Southern Alps, where beech forests lead to the panoramic views of Castle Hill Basin. Enjoy a valley trek through alpine wildflowers, then follow ancient Maori paths to the West Coast where grasslands and lagoons mingle with palm trees and beaches. You'll tour the former gold-rush town of Hokitika, now a historic site and remarkable regional craft center featuring superb jade carvings, pottery, and other treasures. Climb a tropical forest path and don crampons for an exhilarating walk on the ethereal ice of Fox Glacier. From nighttime rainforest experiences to a kayak safari search for seals and penguins on the Moeraki River, it's all part of an itinerary crowned by epicurean delights like fresh salmon or venison served with renowned Canterbury merlot.

For complete tour details Click Here



Counting Sheep

At Arthur's Pass Lodge you'll get more than a luxurious night's sleep amidst some of New Zealand's most incredible scenery. You'll enjoy a real taste of Kiwi culture during a fascinating hands-on visit to a mountain sheep station, where you'll learn just what it takes to produce the country's renowned wool harvest.



Tracking Tigers & Other Wonders

Though it's getting difficult to find tigers in the wild, Ranthambore National Park is one of the few places left where you may see them running free. And your expert naturalist guides will also track leopard, dhole, wild pig, sambar, chital, and gaur to keep the photo opportunities coming.

GUIDED

Rajasthan

Vibrant Culture & Vivid Nature

This adventure offers an impressive sampling of India's historical, cultural, and natural wealth along with some of its most fabled sights. After visiting the landmarks and shops of irrepressible New Delhi and the Red Fort of Agra's towering walls, you'll rise before dawn to tour a crowd-free Taj Mahal glowing in pinkish-orange light. Jaipur's sumptuous spice markets and the Johari Bazaar, where you can bargain for Kundan jewelry and other treasures, vividly contrast with rural experiences in towns like Nagda, which holds the solid stone-carved Temple of Sas-bahu, and Bodal, where you'll meet children at an innovative school working to counter illiteracy. Marvel at the building-sized astronomical devices at 18th-century Jantar Mantar, the rare-bird paradise of Keoladeo National Park, Shahpura's desert oasis, and the centuries-old City Palace in Udaipur, the City of Lakes. Your local guide will share his knowledge of and love for his homeland, and he'll introduce you to authentic Indian cuisine whose exotic tastes complement your accommodations in a series of palaces converted into lavish heritage hotels.



A merchant keeps a watchful eye over the proceedings at Jaipur's colorful bazaar.



DETAILS

Length: 11 days, 10 nights
Level: Easy terrain; 2-4 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Delhi, India

G Guided Adventure

Price: $6,398* (Single +$1,550)
Dates: Nov 5-15

P Private Guided Adventure

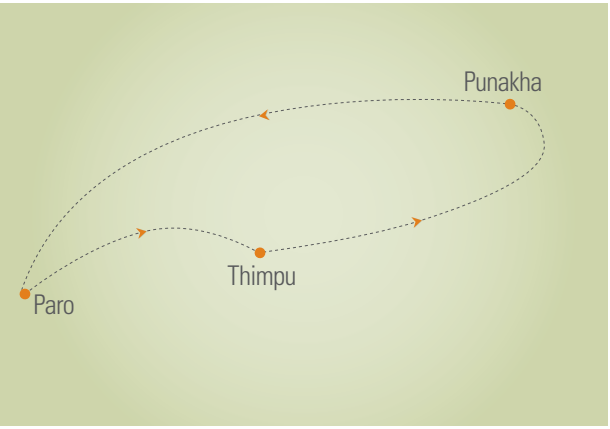
Price from*: 4-6 guests: $6,698 / 7+ guests: $6,398

*All meals included.Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

For complete tour details Click Here



Home to countless sacred relics, the Pungtang Dechen Photrang Dzong ("Palace of Great Bliss") is the second-oldest and second-largest *dzong*, or fortress monastery, in Bhutan.



DETAILS

Length: 10 days, 9 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-7 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Bangkok, Thailand / Paro, Bhutan

G Guided Adventure
Price: $5,298* (Single +$475)
Dates: Nov 13-22

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 1-2 guests: $5,498 / 3-4 guests: $5,398 / 5+ guests: $5,298

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

Kingdom in the Himalayas

On the Path to Shangri-La

Bhutan was closed to outsiders for years. When its borders finally opened, travelers found a timeless Buddhist culture and a joyful land whose emphasis on "national happiness" was obvious. Nestled in the Himalayas, this gracious nation offers countless gifts, from exuberant cities overflowing with colorful merchants and priceless history, to centuries-old mountain monasteries rich with tradition. Explore the heritage of time-honored crafts in Thimphu's museums and shops, then head deep into the high-altitude countryside for rendezvous with rare Himalayan wildlife. Surrounded by 20,000-foot summits, you might take part in ceremonies honoring the black-necked crane or enjoy a picnic lunch among grazing yaks. In medieval-era temples and rural markets, you'll visit monks and nuns, and perhaps play a game of *khuru* (traditional darts) with villagers. It's a cultural celebration led by experienced local guides who pack every day with surprises, and personal introductions to their fellow Bhutanese who exemplify the country's Buddhist ideal of living in the moment.

For complete tour details Click Here



Into the Tiger's Nest

Your adventure in Bhutan culminates in a thrilling walk to Takshang ("Tiger's Nest"). Clinging to a sheer cliff 2,800 feet above the distant Paro Valley, this world-famous monastery is accessible only in good weather. After lunch in a trailside teahouse, you'll continue to your destination perched on the cliffs above to explore its fantastic architecture and artworks.



Trails Untraveled

On the Seti River, gentle currents carry you back in time to isolated, primeval landscapes few Westerners have ever seen. Here, deep in the Gurung Mountains, delightful cross-cultural exchanges with local villagers who rarely make contact with the outside world will give you an authentic taste of an ancient rhythm of life little changed for eons.

Colorful prayer flags decorate Nepal's largest Buddhist stupa in the capital city of Kathmandu.

GUIDED

Annapurna, Seti River & Chitwan

Revised Itinerary

Walking on the Edge of Forever

This adventure takes you deep into the valleys fronting the Annapurna massif, a segment of the Himalayas whose peaks soar over 23,000 feet. Starting in Pokhara, your journey leads through picturesque villages filled with vibrant markets, colorful donkey trains, marvelous teahouses, and scenes of rural life in Tanchok, where a historic home is now a museum dedicated to Nepalese traditions. Amidst dramatic views of sacred Machhapuchhre, you'll visit local schools, explore subtropical forests, and meet Tibetan artisans and traders in Pothana. At the Seti River, embark on a rafting voyage filled with side trips into beautiful hill country and nights at a river camp that provides a surprising amount of relative luxury. Visit a local school in the village of Dharampani, then head out on an elephant safari in Chitwan National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage paradise of rhinoceroses, tigers, leopards, and other jungle rarities. Finish in Kathmandu where Nepal's largest Buddhist stupa and surrounding shops and markets help write the perfect ending to your Himalayan sojourn.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 11 days, 10 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 3-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Kathmandu, Nepal

G Guided Adventure
Price: $4,298* (Single +$950)
Dates: Nov 7-17

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 1-2 guests: $4,498 / 3-5 guests: $4,398 / 6+ guests: $4,298

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.





DETAILS

Length: 15 days, 14 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain; 3-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Kathmandu, Nepal

G Guided Adventure
Price: $6,398* (Single +$1,199)
Dates: Nov 7-21

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 1-2 guests: $6,598 / 3-5 guests: $6,498 / 6+ guests: $6,398

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

Annapurna to Everest

Revised Itinerary

Across the Top of the World

A place of travel legend at the center of this Himalayan kingdom, Mount Everest has beckoned adventurers for centuries. Your trek into this territory comes after you've already had one experience of a lifetime in Nepal's Annapurna region. (See facing page for an overview.) Without missing a beat, you'll head into the mountains themselves from the trailhead at Lukla. Passing beyond the point where vegetation ceases to grow, an austere dominion of rock and sky announces you've arrived for a series of walks into constantly changing vistas whose sheer magnitude can leave visitors speechless. Wander solitary Nepalese villages and centuries-old cliff-side monasteries, and shop the markets at the center of Sherpa culture. Fueled by hearty traditional fare featuring spice-infused local specialties, you'll return by air to Kathmandu where one-of-a-kind shops and cultural sites offer a civilized counterpoint to your days spent in the untamed heart of the greatest mountain range on our planet.

For complete tour details Click Here



Where Heaven Meets Earth

In Sagarmatha National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, you enter the Monjo Valley at 9,400 feet. After a series of switchbacks, you come face-to-face with the soul-stirring view of Mount Everest's summit. At 29,000 feet, it's the highest point on Earth. This is just the first of many chances you'll have to see the mountain and its shifting moods.



Kasbah Nights

You'll begin your Moroccan odyssey with three nights at the Kasbah du Toubkal, one of the world's best eco-lodges. From construction materials and techniques to the staff itself, this unique hotel boasts more than exhilarating views. It's a center of true Berber hospitality that's yours to enjoy.

Though located only an hour outside of Marrakesh, the Atlas Mountains and the Berber culture they shelter are a world away.



PRIVATE ONLY

The High Atlas

North African Mountain Reveries

Set in a striking world far above the coastal plain, the High Atlas Mountains hold a culture untouched by time. You'll explore this unique region via ancient mule paths that wind through wild river valleys, up picturesque mountainsides, and into isolated Berber villages whose gracious residents issue constant invitations for tea and conversation. Your journey begins in Imlil, the spellbinding backdrop for Martin Scorsese's 1997 film, *Kundun*. Amble into the lush surrounding hills and tranquil hamlets, enjoying lunch in a local home. Walk to Sidi Chamharouch, a venerated Berber shrine, then on to Aremd, a settlement surrounded by orchards, where brightly clad children play amidst primitive flat-roofed mud homes that seem to cling to the hillside. In the Ouirgane Valley, colorful sandstone formations mingle with rustic salt mines, while in Tin Mal an 800-year-old mosque offers a rare look inside a Muslim holy place. Stop in the village of Agni for a picnic and a synagogue visit. Finish in fabled Marrakesh with visits to landmarks, museums, cafés, and vibrant *souks* (market stalls) filled with treasures.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain; 5-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Marrakesh, Morocco

Private-Only Guided Adventure
Price from*: 5-6 guests: $4,398 / 7-8 guests: $4,198 / 9+ guests: $4,098
Optimal Travel Dates: Apr-May & Sept-Nov

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



After a day of rewarding Moroccan treks, relax at this mountain retreat's traditional *hammam* spa.



DETAILS

Length: 11 days, 10 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-6 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Fès / Marrakesh, Morocco

G Guided Adventure

Price: $5,298* (Single +$1,025)
Dates: Apr 15-25, Sept 16-26, Oct 14-24

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $5,498 / 6+ guests: $5,298

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Fès to Marrakesh

A Feast for the Senses

Morocco is a feast for all your senses, a land overflowing with the exotic and beautiful. Led by knowledgeable guides, you'll discover its many wonders. After a day exploring the UNESCO-preserved *medina* in Fès, head for the Middle Atlas and forests of giant cedar and cork oak marked by tumbling waterfalls. Rural scenes of traditional farming and *pisé* mud-and-straw homes lead to old-world *ksar* (fortified villages) and the age-old caravan town of Rissani. At Erg Chebbi, you'll ride camels with Tuareg nomads into a magical, multicolored landscape of enormous sand dunes and camp under star-bright skies. In Aït Benhaddou, Morocco's most elaborate *kasbahs* are yours to explore before you travel into the High Atlas to see North Africa's mightiest peak. Along every trail, you'll experience cross-cultural encounters—from traditional meals shared with welcoming locals in friendly Berber villages to a spa treatment in a community *hammam*. At journey's end, Marrakesh awaits—a sparkling trade city of art and history where you'll savor what past guests have called "the most spectacular meal" of their lives.

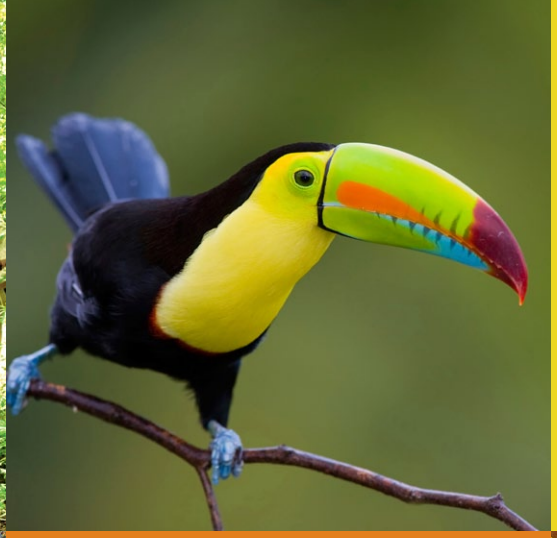
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Timeless Treasures

One of the last true medieval cities, Fès is Morocco's intellectual, cultural, and religious center. Wandering its labyrinthine alleys, you'll encounter ancient monuments and mosques, and old-world metal and tanning works. In the *souk* (market), shop for spices, beautiful jewelry, artful pottery, traditional *djellaba* robes, and other timeless treasures.

















Latin America



You'll view penguins up close on land excursions filled with the endless entertainment these charming birds provide.



DETAILS

Length: (A) 11 days, 10 nights
(B) 12 days, 11 nights
Level: Easy terrain; limited walking
Meet & Depart: Ushuaia, Argentina

Small Ship Cruising

Feb 10-20 (A): $8,690* (Single +$6,085)
Feb 19-Mar 1 (B): $8,190*(Single +$5,735)
Feb 29-Mar 11 (B): $7,190* (Single +$5,035)
Nov 25-Dec 6 (B): $8,595* (Single +$6,020)
Dec 5-Dec 16 (B): $8,595* (Single +$6,020)
Dec 15-Dec 26 (B): $9,895* (Single +$6,930)
Dec 25-Jan 4 '13 (A): $9,995* (Single +$7,000)

*All meals included except one dinner.

GUIDED | SMALL SHIP CRUISING

The Peninsula

A Journey beyond Civilization

Few destinations inspire excitement and fascination like Antarctica. This gleaming realm of sculpted ice, forbidding seas, and towering summits is one of the least explored and most remarkable places on Earth. Your grand adventure to the bottom of the world will take place during southern summer when temperatures are highest, the days are longest, and wildlife activity is at its zenith. In the company of your expedition's naturalists, marine biologists, and geologists, you'll sail the famed Drake Passage to the South Shetland Islands where seals and whales hunt, and penguin chicks may climb right into your lap. Follow magnificent icebergs into the peninsula's straits and coves, where guided Zodiac excursions will carry you to remote islands, immense glaciers, and a working research station. Back on board in the ship's lounge, share your evenings with fellow travelers and enjoy thought-provoking presentations from your cruise's scientists.

For complete tour details Click Here



Cruising Responsibly

You may be headed to the bottom of the planet, but you'll go there in style aboard the *Clipper Adventurer*, a full-featured ship equipped with the latest technology to navigate Antarctic waters. It sails under a code of conduct designed to minimize impact on this pristine wilderness, protecting Antarctica for future generations to explore.



Local Flavor

Costa Rica is known for the hospitality of its *Tico* locals, and your guides will quickly become friends who'll open doors to rural dwellings for home-cooked meals of fresh regional specialties. These unique experiences provide an authentic feast and an inside look at Costa Rican life that most never have the chance to experience.

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Northern Cloudforest & Volcanoes

Nature's Delight

Costa Rica is one of the world's centers of natural beauty. On this adventure, you'll walk through mist-shrouded mountain cloudforests and lowland rainforests teeming with wildlife and exotic plants. Explore coastal Carara National Park in search of scarlet macaws and scout for sloths, howler monkeys, brilliant butterflies, and vibrant birds on aerial cloudforest trails whose suspension bridges cross the treetops. (Intrepid guests can even zipline from tree to tree!) From the mystical turquoise waters of the undiscovered Rio Celeste, you'll cross the continental divide to boiling mudpots and dramatic lava fields. Relax as you enjoy a glorious soak in natural hot springs heated by the Arenal Volcano. Then visit the Maleku, an indigenous people known for their remarkable artworks and efforts to keep their ancient culture alive, and spend an afternoon in Costa Rica's "Wild West," where *sabaneros* herd cattle on horseback. At night, relish sumptuous dinners in rainforest lodges, a Smithsonian research station, and a mountain spa whose natural mud and steam baths are yours to savor.



Casitas bungalows surrounded by exotic gardens, a swimming pool, and gourmet restaurant make the Rio Celeste Hideaway Hotel a perfect refuge.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-5 miles daily
Meet / Depart: San Jose / Liberia, Costa Rica

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,598* (Single +$650)
Dates: Jan 15-22, Feb 5-12, Feb 26-Mar 4, Mar 18-25, Apr 1-8, Nov 18-25, Dec 23-30

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $3,798 / 6+ guests: $3,598

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Marco "Tex" Fallas (right) enjoys time on the water with guests.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain with challenging sections; 4-6 miles daily
Meet & Depart: San Jose, Costa Rica

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,798* (Single +$600)
Dates: Jan 7-14, Feb 18-25, Mar 24-31, Nov 11-18

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,198 / 6-9 guests: $3,998 / 10+ guests: $3,798

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

Southern Rainforest & Coast

Undiscovered Riches

If you're looking for a side of Costa Rica well off the beaten track, aim for these primeval wildernesses. Largely unvisited, they contain so many natural wonders that one is a UNESCO World Heritage site while *National Geographic* calls the other "the most biologically intense place on Earth." Your travels take you from cool cloudforests at 10,000 feet to virgin coastal rainforests, where towering trees shelter countless rare plants and animals, including jaguars and tapirs. Seek the spectacular quetzal as you cross deep gorges and untamed rivers on trails leading to waterfall-fed pools ready for a dip. You're certain to have remarkable sightings of bird and animal life, as our naturalist guides always carry viewing scopes. Enjoy meals in local village homes of organic regional delicacies like blackberry juice and mountain trout. Then head into Corcovado National Park, Central America's last significant rainforest. From mysterious 1,000-year-old stone spheres to jungle trails and Pacific sunsets that await mere steps from your accommodations at Casa Corcovado, your naturalist guides will show you the wild Costa Rica not found in tour books.

For complete tour details Click Here

Verified as meeting Rainforest Alliance sustainable tourism requirements



Sustaining Paradise

Because its trails are so pristine, we've planned your trip with sustainability in mind. Top-rated eco-accommodations at Savegre and Casa Corcovado lodges provide a unique brand of luxury that protects their surroundings and, at the same time, ensures that every step you take respects the places you explore.



Who Says You Can't See It All?

By including the very best Costa Rica has to offer—from natural wonders to a delightfully welcoming culture—this Duo adventure goes off the beaten path to offer a complete experience. Whether it's the mountains, the coast, rainforests, or local villages, you'll cover the country from south to north on less-traveled trails.

GUIDED DUO

Costa Rica NEW!

Pure *Pura Vida*

This tropical adventure unfolds against a backdrop of exotic beauty few destinations can rival. You'll begin high in the cool cloudforests of Los Quetzales National Park, a World Heritage site and birding center. Visit local farmers and rich biological treasure troves as you wander from the Talamanca Mountains to wild Pacific beaches. In Corcovado National Park, you'll explore the last significant expanse of Central American rainforest, a nature-lover's dream filled with towering trees, dazzling butterflies, and monkeys galore. Then, head north to Monteverde's mist-draped cloudforests, where suspension-bridge trails take you into the treetop canopy where the real action is. In Arenal, you'll find an active land of geothermal oddities crowned by soaring Arenal Volcano. Relax in serene hot springs, then head into the Guanacaste region, where horseback herdsmen ride and rainforest streams wind past volcanic cones to the sea. It's a region that embodies Costa Rica's native *Tico* spirit of *pura vida*, or "good life," which you'll also find waiting in hearty farmhouse meals and four-star eco-lodging that add variety to every day.





DETAILS

Length: 16 days, 15 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain with challenging sections; 3-6 miles daily
Meet / Depart: San Jose / Liberia, Costa Rica

G Guided Adventure

Price: $7,198* (Single +$1,250)
Dates: Jan 7-22, Feb 18-Mar 4, Mar 24-Apr 8

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 6-9 guests: $7,348* / 10+ guests: $7,198*

*All meals included except for one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

For complete tour details Click Here

Forest paths lead to secluded waterfalls in Baru Volcano National Park.





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy terrain; 3-5 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Panama City, Panama

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,398* (Single +$750)
Dates: Jan 22-28, Feb 12-18, Mar 11-17

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 3-5 guests: $3,798 / 6+ guests: $3,398

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

Canal, Highlands & Pacific Coast

Nature beyond the Canal

Panama may be Latin America's biggest and most exciting surprise. It's a place where natural spectacle, compelling history, and fascinating cultures weave together in a rich tapestry of near-endless options. On your adventure in this diverse tropical wonderland, you'll wander rainforests where waterfalls plummet to rivers far below, and 525 species of birds nest next to fruit bats and howler monkeys. You'll head upriver by dugout to a native Embera village for music and dancing. Explore Panama City's cobblestoned colonial district, bursting with shops, history, and architecture. When hunger calls, savor a *trapiche* lunch in a local home and delectable organic dinners that fuse Mediterranean and Latin cuisines. At night, relax in a family-owned coffee *finca*, where you'll learn the art of the bean, and sleep on a secluded island in the middle of a marine preserve. In between, there's time for moonlit beach strolls, snorkeling, kayaking, horseback riding, and spa treatments. And, of course, you'll see the world's most famous canal in action.

For complete tour details Click Here



EXTENSIONS

San Blas Islands & the Kuna Indians Pre-Tour
5 days, 4 nights

Panama Canal Partial-Transit Post-Tour
2 days, 1 night

For details Click Here



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Call, or visit our website for details and pricing.



"Can We Stay Forever?"

That's what guests are known to say after just one night in the extraordinary Hacienda Zuleta. Dating from the 1600s, this historic inn at the heart of a 4,000-acre mountain farm offers luxury without ostentation. Each bedroom has its own fireplace, antiques, and hand-embroidered linens that provide perfect ambiance and sublime comfort.

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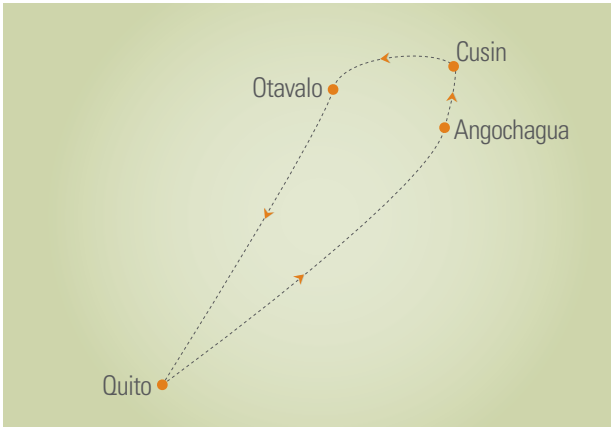
The Highlands

Walking into Wonder

In Ecuador's Highlands you'll walk the Hacienda Trail, a scenic path running between the luxurious accommodations in which you'll stay. With snow-clad summits and massive volcanic peaks as a backdrop, your days will be filled with unexpected moments. Stroll through picturesque Andean villages, meet welcoming residents, and linger at their frequent festivals. Savor the picnic of a lifetime on the 12,000-foot rim of Cubilche Volcano, or investigate the 1,200-year-old Caranqui Mounds and stop at a condor restoration project. Go from hummingbird-stitched cloudforests to the wildflower paradise of Cotacachi-Cayapas Ecological Reserve and Laguna de Cuicocha's volcanic crater lake. Visit the sprawling market at Otavalo before relaxing at your historic hacienda and digging into a gourmet feast of Ecuadorian specialties. Cap your experience with a visit to a local school, a ride on a gentle Zuleteño horse, and an afternoon in historic Quito, a bustling city of museums, galleries, boutiques, and engrossing stories your guide will gladly share with you.



In the Highlands, you'll have time for visits to colorful village markets that sell locally grown food, handwoven textiles, and more.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 6-9 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Quito, Ecuador

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,698* (Single +$400)
Dates: May 18-25, Oct 12-19, Nov 16-23, Dec 21-28

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 2 guests: $4,298* / 3-6 guests: $3,998 / 7+ guests: $3,698

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here

This land-based journey allows plenty of time for you to take everything in, and immerse yourself in the wonders that these islands have to offer.





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-5 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Quito, Ecuador

G Guided Adventure

Price: $4,398* (Single +$750)
Dates: Feb 10-16, Mar 16-22, May 25-31, Oct 19-25, Nov 23-29, Dec 28-Jan 3, '13

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,998 / 6+ guests: $4,398

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

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Galápagos Land-Based

Travels in Remarkable Realms

Your Galápagos walking adventure provides an opportunity to slow down and encounter the wildlife, landscape, and local residents up close. Start on Santa Cruz Island with days of reef snorkeling and treks to rarely visited areas sporting blue-footed boobies and giant iguanas. Soak in superb ocean sunsets from the balcony of your luxurious safari-style tent and enjoy chef-prepared meals before heading to Isabela, the archipelago's largest yet least-visited island. Here, you'll journey from tidal lagoons and a local fishing village to steaming, lava-carved landscapes of volcanoes and fumaroles. Roam the unusual rock formations of Tintoreras and join the flamingos as you follow walkways through *humedale* marshlands to a tortoise breeding center. At the summit of the Sierra Negra Volcano, you'll view a 6½-mile-wide caldera that's the world's second-largest, and amble through history in the San Cristobal highlands to the islands' oldest settlement. Swim with playful sea lions amid ocean outcroppings, and complete the week by retracing Darwin's steps as your guide weaves the history of evolution and the islands together.

For complete tour details Click Here



On Galápagos Time

Traveling the islands on foot means that, in addition to seeing more at a more leisurely pace, you'll be able to truly experience people and places—giving you a real sense of the slower life rhythm known here as "Galápagos time."



Preserving Paradise

The same fragile ecosystems that make the Galápagos a world treasure also make the islands vulnerable to harm. That's why we make a donation to the International Galápagos Tour Operators Association on behalf of every guest. They're helping make tourism part of the solution, and we encourage everyone to learn more about their unique efforts.

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GUIDED DUO

Highlands & Galápagos

Andean Trails & Island Escapes

Thrilling experiences in the high Andes and unforgettable oceanic encounters that follow Darwin into history await on this ultimate adventure through Ecuador's many cultures and incomparable biodiversity. Journey from high in the clouds, where massive summits ring the colorful markets and festivals of rural villages like Otavalo and Cotacachi, to a distant archipelago containing some of Earth's rarest and most unusual creatures. Walk between luxurious heritage inns on the beautiful Hacienda Trail as you make your way to ancient cloudforests and the flanks of enormous volcanoes both dormant and active. Then descend to historic Quito and delve into its many cultural riches before heading to the Pacific for a uniquely personal perspective of three Galápagos islands. Here, sublime sunsets on perfect beaches cap days spent snorkeling, boating, and walking through lagoons and volcanic hills accompanied by blue-footed boobies, giant iguanas, sea lions, tortoises, and other marvels. It's a trip so rich with adventure, you'll be making memories every step of the way.





DETAILS

Length: 14 days, 13 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain with challenging sections; 3-10 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Quito, Ecuador

G Guided Adventure

Price: $7,848* (Single +$1,150)
Dates: May 18-31, Oct 12-25, Nov 16-29, Dec 21-Jan 3, '13

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $8,648 / 6-7 guests: $8,148 / 8+ guests: $7,848

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

For complete tour details Click Here



Drop anchor on remote wilderness shores, where you'll literally come face-to-face with millions of years of evolutionary history.



DETAILS

Length: 10 days, 9 nights
Level: Easy terrain; limited walking
Meet & Depart: Guayaquil, Ecuador

SS Small Ship Cruising
Jan-Nov: From $5,098* (Single +$1,200)
Dec: From $5,498* (Single +$1,200)

Visit our website for a complete list of departure dates.

*All meals included except two dinners. Internal airfare and Galápagos park fees not included.

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Galápagos Islands

An Island-Hopping Voyage of Discovery

Board the *Evolution* and set sail for sun-dazzled days and relaxing nights of encounters with the infinite natural splendor of these storied islands. This 32-passenger small ship allows you a more intimate way to roam the Galápagos—and see more of them, too. From beaches swarming with sunning iguanas and rare birds to seaside grottoes and cliff-rimmed coves, you'll explore nine different isles in the company of expert naturalist guides. Depart from San Cristóbal Island for the sea lions and blue-footed boobies roaming Cerro Brujo's perfect powder-white sands. Watch waves explode 90 feet into the air at Hood Island's legendary blowhole, see the pit craters of Los Gemelos, and visit the Charles Darwin Research Station tortoise-breeding program. Days spent wandering dormant volcanoes, snorkeling, kayaking, and swimming end with evening drinks at your ship's roof-deck bar, chef-prepared al fresco meals, and nightly presentations that add thought-provoking new dimensions to each day's experiences.

For complete tour details Click Here



Lunch with the Tortoises

Your explorations of Santa Cruz Island's underground lava tubes and wildlife-teeming forests will be fueled by a memorable lunch with wine service that your trip's private chef will prepare on shore. And you'll dine at tables draped with white linen mere yards away from fields of giant tortoises.



Encounters with Ancient Ways

Far upriver, you'll find villages few Westerners ever visit. These are not the ersatz settlements and staged ceremonial shows of the tourist trade, but authentic experiences with much to teach about river life, native traditions, medicinal plants, and Amazon ecosystems. You'll even participate in a blessing ceremony with a shaman that's as real as the river itself.

Travel on board the riverboat *La Amatista* allows navigation of more than 600 miles on the Amazon River.

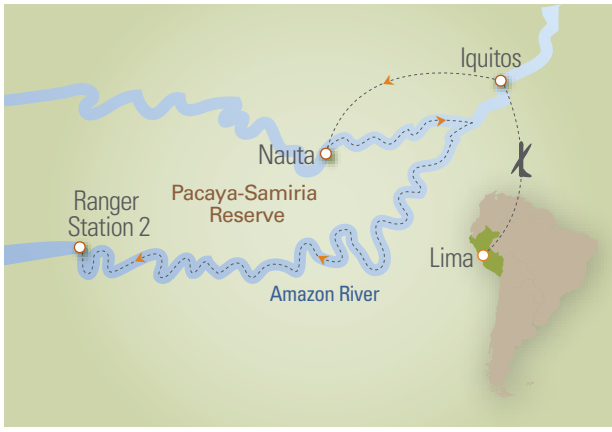
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Amazon

The Heart of the Jungle

Earth's mightiest and most mysterious river is your home on an adventure into a breathtaking world of dolphins, giant otters, chattering tamarins, and hanging sloths. After a tour of historic Lima, say goodbye to the crowds and board *La Amatista*, a classic riverboat able to navigate deep into Amazon reaches most travelers never see. Here, as professional biologist guides steer your senses to rainforest sights and sounds, great and small, you'll be immersed in the ultimate deck-side expedition. Forest walks will provide unique birding opportunities while introducing you to gargantuan plants, towering trees, and the traditions of native peoples like the Ribereño. At the Pacaya-Samiria Wetland Reserve, home to more than 650 mammal, amphibian, and reptile species, you'll have privileged access to this biodiversity hot spot's furthest reaches. Evening excursions on skiffs will reveal a surprisingly different rainforest that comes to life at night. Throughout your journey, you'll appreciate amenities like your air-conditioned cabin with private bath, open-air observation deck, and chef-prepared meals of fresh fish and traditional Peruvian specialties.





DETAILS

Length: 10 days, 9 nights
Level: Easy terrain; limited walking
Meet & Depart: Lima, Peru

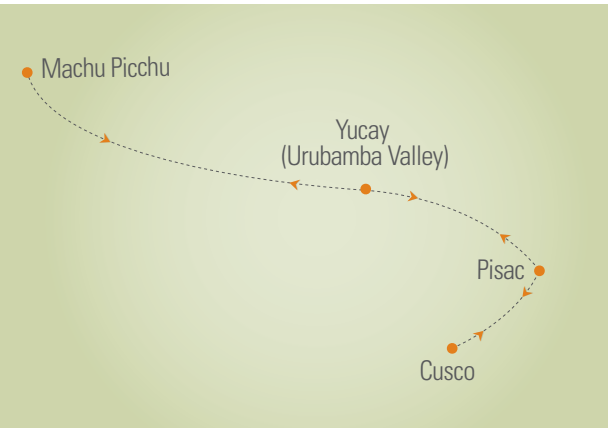
Small Ship Cruising
Price: $3,798* (Single +$1,749)
Dates: Jan-Aug & Oct-Dec departures; visit our website for complete list of dates.

*All meals included except two dinners. Internal airfare not included.

For complete tour details Click Here



Cultural insight is gained during a demonstration of traditional weaving methods at the Chinchero market women's cooperative.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-9 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Cusco, Peru

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,948* (Single +$950)
Dates: May 11-18, June 29-July 6, July 20-27, Sept 21-28, Oct 26-Nov 2, Nov 16-23, Dec 21-28

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,098 / 6+ guests: $3,948

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley

Adventures in the Sky

Few destinations on Earth are as legendary as Machu Picchu, yet your exploration of this hidden city in the clouds is just one highlight on a trip steeped in Peruvian magic. Led by guides with an infectious passion for the land and its people, you'll begin in the high-altitude city of Cusco, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Wind your way through the sacred Urubamba Valley to age-old burial sites built into steep cliffs, and visit mountain villages for meals and dancing with local families. Hearty lunches and savory traditional dinners fuel you for browsing Andean markets and exploring the 900-year-old Maras salt mines. With every step, you'll head deeper into a land of snow-mantled peaks, lush forests, and dramatic valley vistas whose many ancient Incan ruins are yours to wander. The challenge of the Inca Trail awaits those who choose. And when it's time to experience the full magnificence of Machu Picchu, you'll visit at off-peak hours and take paths less traveled to steer away from the crowds.

For complete tour details Click Here



Fewer Footprints, More Magic

A new entry system at Machu Picchu means visitors must now obtain a permit. As travelers who go out of our way to preserve local heritage, we applaud the decision to decrease foot traffic. But permits are limited and paperwork is now required. Our advice? If you want to visit this year, book now to avoid disappointment.



Through the Back Door of a Mountain Icon

You may not think you know the Torres del Paine, but you've seen these iconic peaks before—they're among the world's most photographed wilderness symbols. Luckily, your guides are insiders who'll lead you down hidden trails to locations that reveal these mountains' full majesty—without others getting in the way.

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Patagonia NEW!

Into the Wilds at Land's End

The very word Patagonia evokes one of travel's last unspoiled frontiers, and on this adventure you'll quickly realize how true this sentiment is. The dramatic natural spectacle and rich cultural encounters begin immediately in Parque Nacional Torres del Paine, where the immense sky of the Patagonian steppe meets the caves, coves, waterfalls, and fjords of a breathtaking mountain realm. Visit some of Chile's most important archaeological sites and search for condors, pumas, black-necked swans, and armadillos amid rushing rivers and ancient forests. You'll walk to aquamarine lakes and flamingo-favored lagoons, yet also enjoy an authentic *asado* barbecue at a working farm and pay a call on an *estancia* sheep ranch. In Parque Nacional Los Glaciares, pass needle-like spires and cross the ethereally blue Perito Moreno Glacier on foot before taking a cruise through an iceberg maze to Upsala Glacier and a historic sheep ranch. Then journey to El Chalten, a mountain village whose residents embody Argentinean hospitality. You won't go hungry either, because food and wine are serious subjects here, and every day is graced with delicious spreads of regional bounty for your enjoyment.



A day's hike ends at tranquil Laguna Verde in Torres del Paine National Park.



DETAILS

Length: 9 days, 8 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-6 miles daily
Meet / Depart: Punta Arenas, Chile / El Calafate, Argentina

PO **Private-Only Guided Adventure**
Price from*: 8-9 guests: $8,998 / 10-11 guests: $8,598 / 12+ guests: $8,298
Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Tastes of Argentina

In Mendoza, food and wine gloriously unite in an afternoon of private tastings and delectable meals at the renowned 121-year-old Toso Estate. Your host, Alejandro Toso, will reveal the mysteries of winemaking before sharing the art of *asado* barbecue, a South American tradition guests help to prepare.

EXTENSIONS

Buenos Aires Pre-Tour
3 days, 2 nights

Patagonia Post-Tour
4 days, 3 nights

For details Click Here



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3 days, 2 nights

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4 days, 3 nights

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Against a backdrop of jagged mountain peaks, rows of jade-green vineyards yield prized Malbec wine.



DETAILS

Length: 8 days, 7 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-6 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Mendoza / Bariloche, Argentina

G Guided Adventure
Feb 19-26, Mar 11-18: $4,998* (Single +$975)
Oct 27-Nov 3, Nov 17-24: $5,198* (Single +$998)

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: Jan-Sept 6-7 guests: $5,598 / 8+ guests: $4,998 **Oct-Dec** 6-7 guests: $5,898 / 8-9 guests: $5,248 / 10+ guests: $5,198

*All meals included except two dinners. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner. Internal airfare not included.

GUIDED

Mendoza & Patagonia

Crossroads of Wilderness & Culture

This adventure showcases walks in Argentina's most spectacular regions as well as exceptional cuisine. You start in Mendoza, the center of Argentina's wine industry. Here, in the foothills of the Andes, you walk alongside aqueducts dug by the indigenous Huarpes people hundreds of years ago. After a luxurious night in a traditional country house, you'll journey into the Andes for a picnic in the shadow of Mt. Aconcagua, the hemisphere's highest peak. Take a catamaran ride in the Lakes Region and wander among Victoria Island's isolated beaches, native trees, and exotic wildlife. Where the foothills and towering summits meet shimmering waters and the vast majesty of the wild Patagonian steppe, you'll find giant condors circling 12,000-year-old archaeological treasures. Enjoy lunch atop a high granite cliff with views of Mount Tronador, an extinct volcano mantled in glaciers, then revel in a kayak excursion on Nahuel Huapi Lake or savor an afternoon at the spa. It's your choice in a country that has everything to offer.

For complete tour details Click Here



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3 days, 2 nights

Patagonia Post-Tour

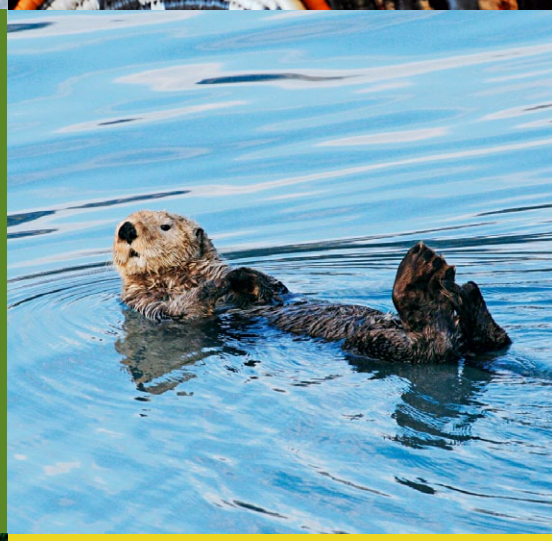
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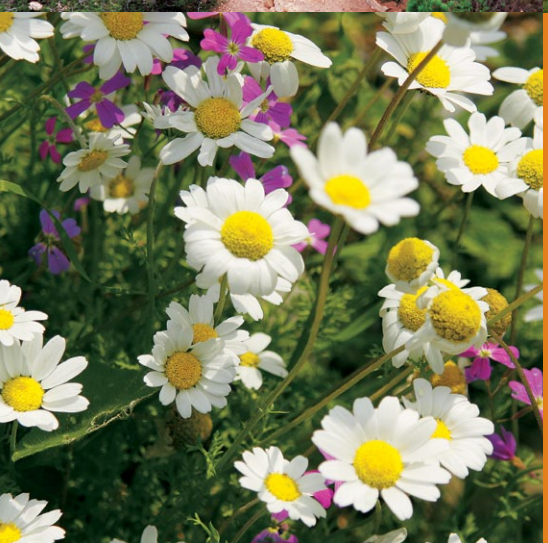


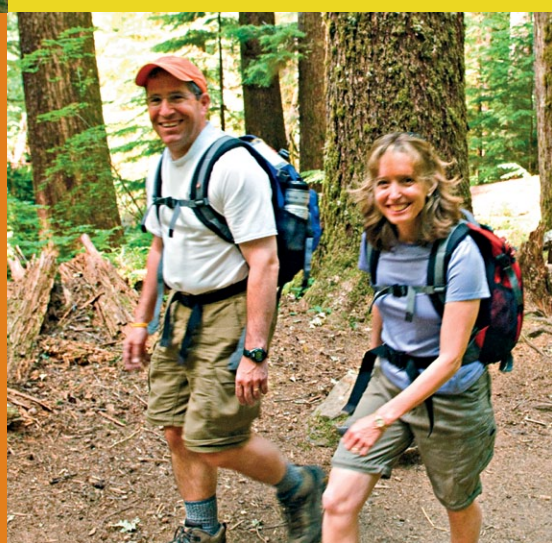












North America



Paddling through Paradise

In Homer, you'll explore a side of Kachemak Bay most never experience. After a kayaking lesson (no experience needed!), you'll paddle into a world of hidden coves and soaring sea cliffs with a naturalist guide who knows where the best up-close encounters with sea otters, seals, dolphins, puffins, and more are waiting.

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The Kenai Peninsula

The Great American Frontier

Few places rival Alaska for sheer natural spectacle. On this journey through the grandeur of the Kenai Peninsula, you'll enter a vast kingdom of verdant forests, crystal waters, and snow-clad peaks. From Turnagain Arm, a fjord-like jewel favored by beluga whales, you'll follow the historic Iditarod Trail to its highest point amidst a realm of waterfalls and wildflowers. Trek through coastal rainforest into the Kenai Mountains for vista after astounding vista of postcard-perfect wilderness, and share a mountaintop picnic with a 360-degree view of the summits towering over Resurrection Bay. Watch salmon leap Russian River Falls as bald eagles soar overhead, then raft the Kenai River or go fishing for dinner. In photogenic Homer, you'll sail to unvisited rocky beaches, dazzling ice fields, and coastal treasures like Katchemak Bay State Park and the Gull Island seabird colony, a wild Alaska most tourists never see. In between, relish meals of wild salmon, Kodiak scallops, king crab, halibut, and caribou sausage, and relax in rooms at a luxurious mountain hotel, a wilderness lodge, and Alaska's top seaside resort.



Your walk on the Iditarod Trail ascends Crow Pass in the Chugach Mountains.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Anchorage / Homer, Alaska

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,698* (Single +$650)
Dates: June 25-30, July 9-14, July 23-28, Aug 6-11

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 6-11 guests: $3,998 / 12+ guests: $3,698

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



Filled with rare wildflowers and brilliant color, Tuolumne Meadow is the largest alpine meadow in the Sierra Nevada range and a seldom-visited part of the park.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Fresno, California

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,798* (Single +$1,250)
Dates: June 10-15, July 15-20, Aug 26-31, Sept 9-14

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 5-6 guests: $4,198 / 7-9 guests: $3,898 / 10+ guests: $3,798

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

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Yosemite National Park

Into the Range of Light

John Muir wrote that Yosemite's Sierra Nevada mountain range was "so radiant, it seemed not clothed with light but wholly composed of it." On your adventure into this cherished landscape, you'll see why he called Yosemite "the great temple." Spend a day in majestic Mariposa Grove, where giant sequoias thousands of years old reach heights of over 300 feet, then walk through the heart of the park to Sentinel Dome, a mammoth geologic structure whose summit view encompasses sights from El Capitan and Half Dome to Yosemite Falls. Along the Merced River you'll find lovely Vernal Fall, captured by Ansel Adams whose extraordinary original photographs you'll see at his historic gallery. Take in the iconic landmarks of Yosemite Valley, and lose yourself in Tuolumne Meadow, a remote high-country wildflower heaven surrounded by some of the park's loftiest summits. Leisurely gourmet picnics provide plenty of time to sit and contemplate nature's handiwork while your thoroughly knowledgeable guides share the history—both natural and human—that has taken Yosemite's wilderness paths.

For complete tour details Click Here



Fit for a King

Put your feet up at the spectacular Ahwahnee Lodge, a 1920s National Historic Landmark that offers a perfect combination of rustic architectural opulence and elegant hospitality. A favored destination of presidents and royalty, the Ahwahnee hosts a splendid collection of American Indian art—and boasts some of the park's best views, too.



Full of Life in Death Valley

Hidden in this parched land is something unexpected: the China Ranch, a working family farm set in a lush willow-shaded haven of wildlife and cool water. It's a rare, insider glimpse of daily life in one of Earth's most challenging environments.

GUIDED

Death Valley National Park

A Hot Spot of Surprises

Though its name is as fearsome as its reputation, Death Valley is a wonderful surprise. Here, America's most surreal landscape earns some remarkable superlatives: the largest national park outside Alaska, the lowest spot in the Western Hemisphere, and one of the driest environments on Earth. From the historic Inn at Furnace Creek, a plush garden oasis with a spring-fed pool, you'll travel into a thrillingly alien world of color-drenched sunsets, remote canyons, undulating dunes, and ethereal rock formations. See aptly named Dante's View and Artist's Palette, and amble Golden Canyon's 400-foot cliffs and phantasmagorical badlands, a frequent backdrop for science-fiction movies. Trace the narrow recesses of Mosaic and Fall canyons, and visit Scotty's Castle, a sprawling Spanish-Mediterranean oddity whose ornate interior reflects its flamboyant Roaring Twenties origins. Walk the rim of Ubehebe Crater, a half-mile-wide, 600-foot-deep hole created by volcanic explosions, then discover Natural Bridge, a giant span of massive rock that leads to record-setting Badwater, a sun-baked salt plain 282 feet below sea level that sums up the austere beauty of this special place.



You've never seen anything quite like Scotty's Castle—a wildly ornate mansion whose over-the-top 1920s opulence is set miles from anywhere.



DETAILS

Length: 4 days, 3 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 2-5 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Las Vegas, Nevada

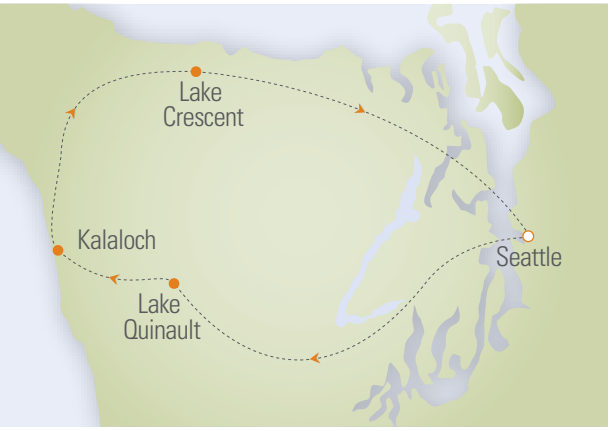
G Guided Adventure
Price: $2,248* (Single +$650)
Dates: Mar 14-17, Mar 24-27, Oct 27-30

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 3-4 guests: $2,398 / 5+ guests: $2,248

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 7 days, 6 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 4-9 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Seattle, Washington

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,598* (Single +$750)
Dates: June 10-16, July 15-21, Aug 5-11, Aug 19-25, Sept 9-15

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 6-10 guests: $3,698 / 11+ guests: $3,598

*All meals included except one lunch.
Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Olympic Peninsula

Where the Earth Speaks

Enter a world visitors say is among the most magical they've ever experienced. Stretching from snowy peaks to a wild Pacific shore, this is the heart of North America's ancient rainforest—a vast walker's paradise where thousand-year-old, moss-draped trees rise hundreds of feet into the sky and magnificent waterfalls tumble to fields of brilliant wildflowers and deep-blue lakes. You'll trek through giant fir and cedar trees at Graves Creek and Pony Bridge, where the Quinault River plunges down a narrow gorge. Follow the Hoh River through majestic cathedral groves of towering sitka spruce, then ride the river itself past mergansers and otters. Take trails through forests to breathtaking Sol Duc Falls and pristine Deer Lake, whose subalpine meadows offer views of the Olympic range. Visit with Harvest Moon, a Quinault storyteller who'll share tales and traditions, and dig into a bounty of fresh salmon, local produce, just-picked berries, and other Northwestern delicacies on a journey our guests have described as nothing short of spiritual.

For complete tour details Click Here



Lunch at the Edge

At Ruby Beach, you'll encounter a beautiful Pacific coastline whose rock formations create the world's grandest sculpture garden. After lunch on the beach surrounded by tangles of driftwood and the gentle rhythm of ocean surf, you'll look for seals and pelicans, and explore tidal pools teeming with sea stars and other marine curiosities.



Desert Dreams

Your desert reveries won't end at sundown during your stay at the four-diamond Amara Hotel. In this elegant oasis of luxury set beneath red-rock cliffs, you'll enjoy spa treatments, swims in the saltwater pool, stargazing, and wine and conversation on its welcoming patios.

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Grand Canyon & Sedona

Relaxing Sojourns, Desert Visions

Time moves slowly in the desert, and our Arizona adventure assumes a similar pace so you can experience some of Earth's greatest wonders in a deeper way. Your senses will be dazzled by the Sonoran Desert, where rare California condors fly, and the Painted Desert's exquisite panoramas. Otherworldly sights at Sunset Crater National Monument contrast with saguaro cactus, flowering palo verde trees, and the impressive ancient pueblos at Wupatki National Monument. At the Grand Canyon, you'll find vast natural sculpture that leaves even veteran travelers speechless. Enjoy lunch on the breathtaking canyon rim a mile above the Colorado River, and witness brilliant sunsets and sunrises that set the sky ablaze. There are 250-million-year-old fossils hiding in piñon-juniper forests, a historic canyon photography studio to visit, and 12th-century Sinagua Indian ruins to wander. Then depart for Sedona's gallery-lined streets and gourmet Southwestern meals. You'll explore red-rock cliff country, where towering signature monoliths like Bell Rock, Courthouse Butte, and Cathedral Rock put the desert's magic on spellbinding display.



Red-earth canyon trails in the Sedona wilderness slowly reveal their mysteries to those willing to take the time to discover them.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Phoenix, Arizona

Guided Adventure
Price: $2,998* (Single +$725)
Dates: Apr 29-May 4, May 13-18, Oct 14-19

Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-8 guests: $3,198 / 9+ guests: $2,998

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

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Overlooking the vistas of Zion Canyon, the panoramic view from Angel's Landing is one of the most spectacular in the park.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 2-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Las Vegas, Nevada

G Guided Adventure
Price: $2,848* (Single +$575)
Dates: May 20-25, May 27-June 1, Sept 16-21

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 6-10 guests: $3,298 / 11-13 guests: $2,998 / 14+ guests: $2,848

*All meals included except one dinner.
Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

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Bryce & Zion Canyons

Two Worlds, One Unforgettable Adventure

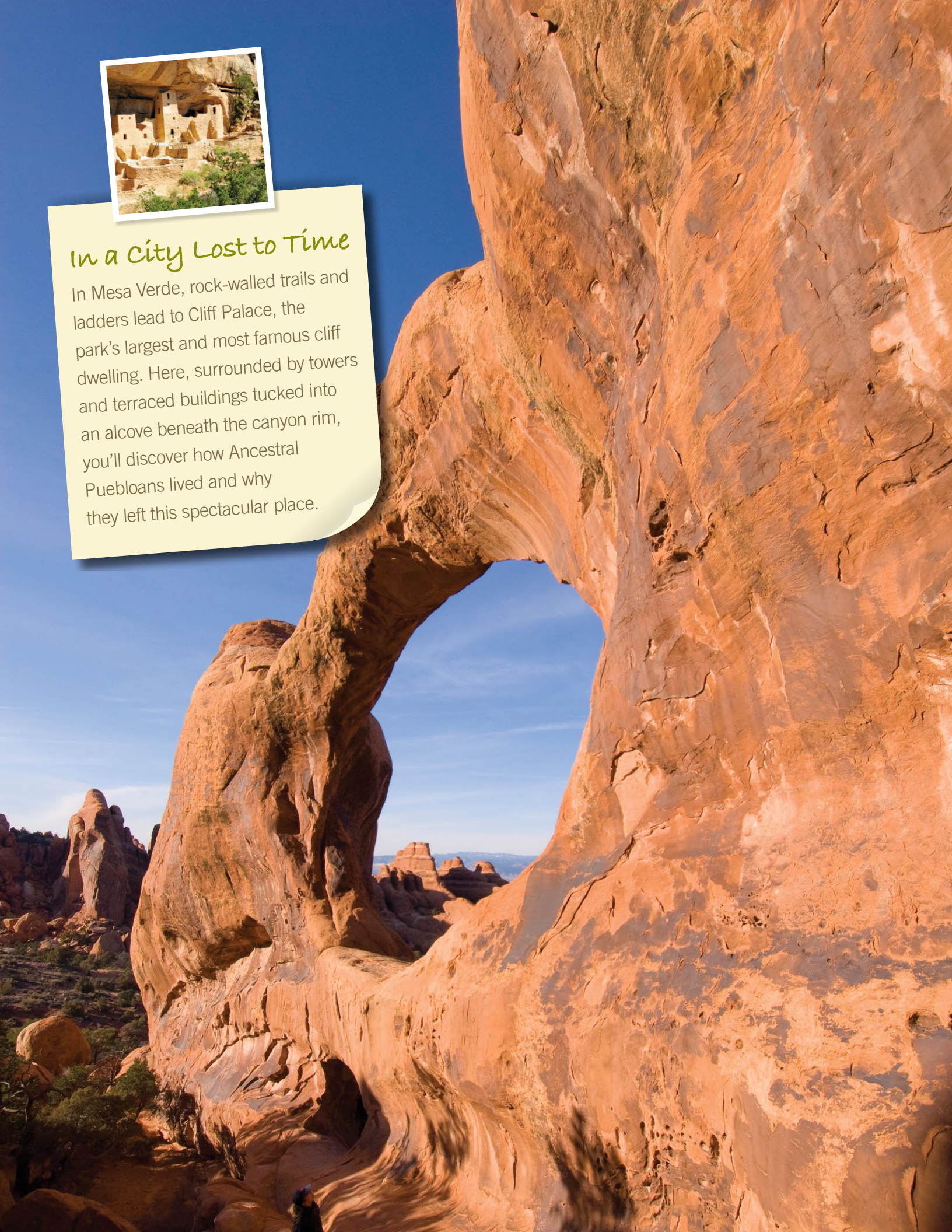
Utah's crimson cliffs and deep canyon sanctuaries reach their majestic pinnacle on this trek into the heart of two rewardingly different regions. In Bryce Canyon National Park, you'll discover a landscape of pink-limestone spires, dramatic natural arches, and towering "hoodoo" rock formations. See some of the world's oldest trees and swim in refreshing moss-lined pools. Walk along trails that lead to majestic sunsets and wilderness vistas as delightfully whimsical as they are surreal. Move on to the contrasting sandstone spectacle of Zion National Park, a geological wonder filled with rare wildlife, cool slot canyons, and crystalline rivers. You'll explore a colorful world of undulating slickrock, lush hanging gardens, cascading waterfalls, and inspiring views from aptly named Echo Canyon, Angel's Landing, and Scout's Lookout. Spend your evenings in the comfort of a historic 1920s lodge and a stylish riverside inn, surrounded by unique flora, fragrant pine, and incredible scenery that will alter your concept of the desert forever.

For complete tour details Click Here



Campfires beneath Glittering Skies

Southern Utah's starlit skies are truly astonishing. In Bryce Canyon, we'll sit under this heavenly tableau for a campfire dinner of delicious freshly grilled barbecue and authentic Western music performed by cowboy singer and poet Kenny Hall and his wife, Jean. Curl up, chow down, and revel in the show—above and below!



In a City Lost to Time

In Mesa Verde, rock-walled trails and ladders lead to Cliff Palace, the park's largest and most famous cliff dwelling. Here, surrounded by towers and terraced buildings tucked into an alcove beneath the canyon rim, you'll discover how Ancestral Puebloans lived and why they left this spectacular place.

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Mesa Verde, Arches & Canyonlands

Ancient Echoes & Timeless Landscapes





The remote borderlands of Utah and Colorado conjure a wilderness of limitless sky and sculpted stone that defies imagination. Your trip into this region bridges ancient worlds created by man and nature. In Mesa Verde National Park's hidden sky canyons, juniper and piñon forests conceal the well-preserved cliff dwellings of the 13th-century Pueblo people. Tour the park museum and follow winding trails to sweeping views, vivid petroglyphs, and archaeological treasures. At Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, you'll explore prehistoric towers and underground *kivas* before heading into the desert, where a land of mammoth shapes and forms reveals itself. Raft through red-rock Colorado River canyons past signature formations like Fisher Towers and Castle Rock. Trek through Canyonlands National Park's sheer-walled canyons to sandstone spires, jagged cliffs, and looming mesas. In Arches National Park, walks across red sands lead to natural stone bridges from sublime Delicate Arch to Landscape Arch, whose 290-foot span is the hemisphere's largest—just one of many sights that must be seen to be believed.

DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Durango, Colorado

Guided Adventure
Price: $2,748* (Single +$500)
Dates: May 6-11, Sept 30-Oct 5, Oct 7-12

Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $2,898 / 6+ guests: $2,748

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 5-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Bozeman, Montana

G Guided Adventure
Price: $2,998* (Single +$795)
Dates: July 1-6, July 15-20, Aug 5-10, Sept 16-21

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 4-5 guests: $3,398 / 6-10 guests: $3,198 / 11+ guests: $2,998

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Yellowstone

Into the Great American West

To call Yellowstone a place of magnificent superlatives is not saying enough. In this primeval land of natural spectacle unchanged for millennia, skyscraping mountains and broad, fertile valleys shelter extraordinary wildlife, incredible vistas, epic waterfalls, and fully half of all the mudpots, fumaroles, geysers, and other geothermal rarities on Earth. Your journey into this wonderland will take in all the legendary sights—the ethereal, terraced beauty of Mammoth Hot Springs, the indescribable colors of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, the iconic and monumental Old Faithful, the serenity of Hayden Valley. But we'll go further into the park than most ever do, finding hidden thermal springs, jeweled lakes, wildflower-strewn meadows, and river basins filled with vast bison herds. Spot grizzlies, wolves, elk, moose, pelicans, and other rare species as you traverse Yellowstone's awe-inspiring country. Then put your feet up by one of the fireplaces of the historic waterfront Lake Yellowstone Hotel, and relax in the heated pool at a 200-acre ranch set against the dramatic wilderness that is the pride of the American West.

For complete tour details Click Here



The Top of the Park

Though it rises over 10,000 feet into the sky, all you'll need to reach the summit of Yellowstone's towering Mount Washburn is solid footwear! Once at the top, you'll savor a picnic lunch far above the tree line and majestic views that stretch to the Grand Tetons over 70 miles away.



The Drive of a Lifetime

The Going-to-the-Sun Road is called the most spectacular drive in the world for good reason—carved into cliffs and soaring mountainsides, it's an engineering marvel that seems to carry you into the sky itself. And for this unforgettable ride, we've arranged a special surprise that will add a new dimension to every mile.

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Glacier National Park

Infinite Natural Beauty

It is hard to believe that Glacier is one of America's least visited national parks. Straddling the Continental Divide and endowed with what many believe is the most glorious alpine scenery in North America, this world of mighty glaciers, mountain lakes, massive summits, and graceful waterfalls surging from high cliffs is among the country's greatest treasures. From your first steps into ancient forest and the smooth stone chutes of Avalanche Gorge to the wind-twisted trees of the Garden Wall and dazzling Grinnell Glacier, the regal scenery unfolds. And nightly stays at historic turn-of-the-century lodges within Glacier's borders mean you'll spot mountain goats, Dall sheep, elk, moose, eagles, and grizzly bears roaming this pristine wilderness. It's this intricate web of life you'll see during boat rides across high-altitude lakes, a river raft trip, and walks through vibrant meadows to lofty overlooks. Sights like the aquamarine waters of Iceberg Lake will fill your senses with the richness of more than 70 million years of geological creation that is Glacier.



A former hunting lodge built in 1914, the Lake McDonald Lodge reflects a bygone era—there still are carved messages from Blackfeet, Chippewa, and Cree Native Americans in the lobby.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Moderate to challenging terrain; 4-11 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Whitefish, Montana

G Guided Adventure
Price: $3,098* (Single +$575)
Dates: July 8-13, July 22-27, Aug 12-17, Aug 19-24, Sept 2-7

P Private Guided Adventure
Price from*: 5-8 guests: $3,698 / 9-10 guests: $3,498 / 11+ guests: $3,098

*All meals included. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here





DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Moderate terrain; 4-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Calgary / Banff, Alberta

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,698* (Single +$965)
Dates: July 15-20, July 22-27, Aug 12-17, Sept 2-7

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $4,098 / 6-9 guests: $3,798 / 10+ guests: $3,698

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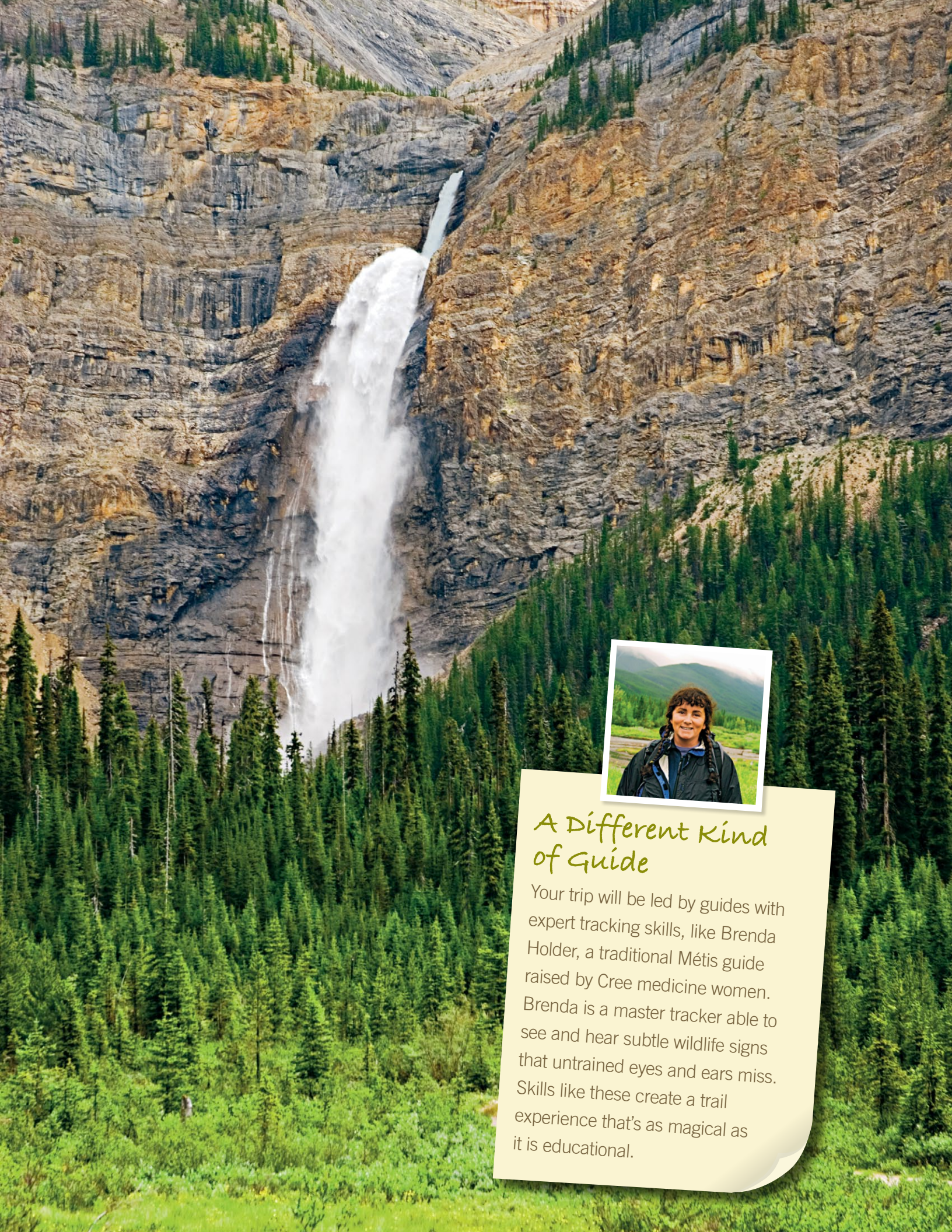
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Banff, Yoho & Kananaskis

Not Your Average Walk in the Park

Canada's Banff region is known for its stunning parks—and their crowds. But your own experience will follow paths far less traveled, which in the case of this World Heritage wilderness means you're at the center of the real action. You'll discover hidden gems like Rummel Lake, whose location beneath imposing Mount Galatea makes for a perfect picnic spot, and Robertson Glacier, where braided creek channels lead to a secret heather-scented meadow. Watch for mountain goats, eagles, moose, elk, bighorn sheep, bears, and ptarmigan as you follow primeval forests to waterfalls and cirques ringed by snow-covered peaks like Mount Assiniboine, Canada's Matterhorn. Spectacular walks into the north's most scenic backcountry are highlighted by such sights as watching resident moose in the wallow near your lodge in the late afternoons. Bookend your days in rustic Mount Engadine Lodge, where sumptuous family-style meals feature local organic produce, meats, and wines, and Emerald Lake Lodge, whose amenities and setting offer unmatched wilderness luxury.

For complete tour details Click Here



A Different Kind of Guide

Your trip will be led by guides with expert tracking skills, like Brenda Holder, a traditional Métis guide raised by Cree medicine women. Brenda is a master tracker able to see and hear subtle wildlife signs that untrained eyes and ears miss. Skills like these create a trail experience that's as magical as it is educational.



At Home with the Québécois

Île d'Orlèans, a 21-mile-long island in the St. Lawrence River, has been called a "microcosm of traditional Québec." Here, against a pastoral backdrop, you'll visit the 75-acre farm of Jacques Paradis, your native Québécois host, for a day of leisurely orchard walks, delightful conversation, and savory local delicacies like smoked trout and fresh-pressed apple cider.

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Québec City & the Charlevoix

Old-World Charms & Northern Wilds

You begin your adventure in Québec City, an old-world outpost with cosmopolitan flair. Start with a guided walk down centuries-old cobblestone streets lined with architectural and cultural riches. Visit Montmorency Falls, which plummet from heights higher than Niagara. Then head for Parc National de la Jacques-Cartier, a little-known natural gem of deep valleys, rising summits, and scenic overlooks. Following the mountainous shores of the mighty St. Lawrence River, you'll enter the Charlevoix, a World Biosphere Reserve of forests, granite cliffs, and plunging ravines whose villages offer tasty delights like homemade cheeses and maple syrup. At Parc National des Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie, waterfalls splash hundreds of feet into the largest Canadian canyon east of the Rockies. Then you'll discover the Saguenay Fjord, where a Zodiac ride will take you in search of whales and leave you wondering why this distinctive wonderland has been so overlooked.



Québec City overflows with shops, cafés, galleries, markets, and street performers offering a vibrant slice of authentic French culture and European atmosphere.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 3-7 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Québec City, Québec

G Guided Adventure

Price: $3,448* (Single +$675)
Dates: July 9-14, July 23-28, Sept 3-8, Sept 10-15

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $3,798 / 6-8 guests: $3,698 / 9+ guests: $3,448

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

For complete tour details Click Here



On peaceful Jordan Pond, chairs with a perfect view of the twin peaks known as the Bubbles provide a relaxing break along forested trails.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 2-8 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Bangor, Maine

G Guided Adventure

Price: $2,848* (Single +$650)
Dates: June 24-29, Aug 19-24, Sept 9-14, Sept 16-21, Sept 23-28

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $3,198 / 6-9 guests: $3,098 / 10+ guests: $2,848

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

GUIDED

Acadia National Park

New England Sea & Sky

This special adventure on the rugged Maine coast will carry you deep into a one-of-a-kind landscape carved by the ages from stone and salt water. Here, dense balsam forests spill onto a magnificent rocky coast teeming with natural wonders, and sweeping views of timeless ocean and unbounded sky wait on the many trails that lace the shore. Travel from the charming town of Bar Harbor to mountain-summit panoramas that reach their apex atop Cadillac Mountain, the Eastern Seaboard's highest point. Following the park's car-free, turn-of-the-century carriage roads, you'll encounter idyllic ponds hosting herons and loons, and Azalea and Thuya Gardens, which blend natural beauty with landscaped historic areas. Explore miniature tidal-pool worlds at the ocean's edge and enjoy walks in hushed woodlands below soaring cliffs. And did we mention the seafood? From a clambake at the famous Bar Harbor Inn to lunch on a secluded beach, you'll find the chowders, lobster, blueberry pies, and other Maine delicacies to be as abundant as the sea-scented locations in which they're savored.

For complete tour details Click Here



Island Life from Another Age

To reach historic Little Cranberry Island, you'll take the mail boat—a vital lifeline used by islanders to travel to the mainland. Spend the day exploring sheltered coves, pebbled beaches, wooden piers, and clapboard cottages, where lobstermen and boatbuilders still follow a centuries-old way of life.



Colorful Characters

Vermont is home to countless characters as colorful as the foliage itself, but none are more delightful than our good friend, George Woodard. You'll never forget your afternoon with this wise and wry third-generation organic dairyman, or the many only-in-Vermont stories of farming, maple sugaring, and the state's fascinating past he's forever eager to share.

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Fall Foliage

Nature Paints a Thousand Colors

There's just nothing like autumn in Vermont. Every year, this rural landscape of working farms, rolling hills, forests, and picture-perfect villages is ablaze with color—brilliant reds, glowing oranges, and vibrant yellows paint the landscape. You'll follow the Robert Frost Trail, a forest footpath named for the famed poet who spent much of his life here. Then discover Silver Lake, the Falls of Lana, and view three states (and Canada) under a quilt of color as you walk the ridgeline of Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak. Explore a lost pioneer settlement, then trek through Smugglers' Notch, a mountain pass with a notorious history. Trails through breath-taking fall scenes of brightly painted barns, lush meadows, and mountains lead to quintessential New England towns like Goshen, Warren, and Stowe, where timeless general stores stand next to chic boutiques. At night, relax at comfortable inns and enjoy chef-prepared meals that have made Vermont the gourmet center of America's local-food movement.



At Bull Moose pasture, the view of Mt. Mansfield is framed by a spectacular mantle of autumn's gleaming gold.



DETAILS

Length: 6 days, 5 nights
Level: Easy to moderate terrain; 2-6 miles daily
Meet & Depart: Burlington, Vermont

G Guided Adventure

Price: $2,698* (Single +$500)
Dates: Sept 23-28, Oct 7-12

P Private Guided Adventure

Price from*: 4-5 guests: $2,998 / 6-8 guests: $2,898 / 9+ guests: $2,698

*All meals included except one dinner. Local wine and/or beer included with dinner.

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General Information

The Country Walkers Difference

You already know that Country Walkers adventures are simply incomparable. Here are just a few reasons that demonstrate how we set the standard for active travel, and why our guests join us again and again:

Small Group Size

On a Guided Walking Adventure, our average group size ranges from 10 to 14, with a maximum of 16 to 18 guests.

Guide-Guest Ratio

Our Guided Walking Adventures boast a 1:7 guide-to-guest ratio, with two guides leading each group of eight or more guests. This means you benefit from your expert guides' local knowledge, attention to detail, and infectious passion for their homeland.

Single-Share Program

Traveling solo? Our single-share program is designed especially for you. We will make every effort to find you a roommate of the same gender. If you reserve your tour at least 91 days prior to the start date, you will not be required to pay the single-supplement fee, even if we cannot find you a roommate† (based on availability). If you'd rather have a room of your own, a limited number of single rooms are available for a supplemental fee.

Guaranteed Departures

Booking an adventure with Country Walkers allows you peace of mind—your trip will never be canceled due to low participation. We guarantee the departure of every Guided, Self-Guided, and Private Adventure from the moment of reservation. This is a significant advantage alleviating a common worry for many group travelers whose tours have been canceled by other operators.*

**Exceptions for Small Ship Cruising*
†Exceptions for Small Ship Cruising and Self-Guided Adventures

Age range

Country Walkers travelers generally range in age from 30 to 65 years old—however, we've had guests up to 85 years old travel with us, as have many younger adults. Our expert staff will help you determine which tours are best suited to the interests and abilities of younger travelers. Children of all ages are welcome on Private Adventures and Small Ship family departures, which are designed and crafted for your special group.

Reservations & payment

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Trips typically sell out well in advance; to avoid disappointment, we suggest you reserve your tour at least six months ahead of time. You can reserve your tour with a $500.00 deposit by:

- **Calling us at 800.464.9255**—we'll confirm your reservation over the phone using your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express card.
- **Visiting our secure website, countrywalkers.com**—click on the "Book Now" button on the individual tour page.

The balance of your payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure. You may pay by check, money order, or credit card. Checks should be made payable in U.S. funds to Country Walkers, Inc. If you book your trip within 90 days of departure, full payment is due immediately. If final payment is not received by the date due, Country Walkers reserves the right to cancel your reservation, resulting in the loss of previous deposits and payments.

Trip cancellation & transfer fees

Please refer to the General Information section of our website or call our office for details.

SMALL SHIP CRUISING

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Travel insurance

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance, either through Country Walkers or your travel agent.

Confirmation packet

Upon receipt of deposit, we'll send a confirmation packet that includes information on what to bring, how to prepare for your trip, travel directions, pre- and post-trip hotel suggestions, a detailed itinerary, and suggested reading list. You'll also receive the Arrival & Departure form, Terms & Conditions (including Express Assumption of Risk and Responsibility/ Participation), and the Guest Questionnaire, which must be completed and returned no later than 90 days prior to departure.



Terms & conditions

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Tour member responsibilities

As a tour member, your responsibilities to Country Walkers and to others traveling with you include:

- Selecting a tour appropriate to your ability and interests;
- Being sufficiently healthy and at the proper fitness level to undertake the tour;
- Preparing for your tour by reading ALL the predeparture information provided by Country Walkers;
- Packing the appropriate clothing and equipment;
- Acting in an appropriate and respectful manner in accordance with the customs, cultures, and laws of the regions visited.

Country Walkers reserves the right to accept, retain, or decline any tour participant at any time, for any reason. In such a case, a refund equal to the actual cost of the unused services is the limit of Country Walkers' responsibility.

Equipment & clothing

A daypack, a comfortable pair of hiking boots, rain gear, sunscreen, and a water bottle are essential. Hiking boots or shoes with thick soles, good tread, and sturdy ankle support *are mandatory* on all tours (except on Small Ship Cruising). A customized list of what to pack is included with every trip confirmation packet.

Luggage & transfers

On all our tours, your luggage will be transported for you via vans, minicoaches, trains, or boats. Luggage is limited to one medium and one small carry-on bag per person.

Itinerary changes

We reserve the right to alter the itinerary. Tour arrangements can be made up to a year in advance, and unforeseen conditions may necessitate changes.

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2012 Schedule

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						Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
EUROPE																	
Austria: The Lakes Region	88	SG	11/10	$2898*	$195*					Departures May-Sept†							
Austria & Germany: Bavaria & the Tyrol	90	G	8/7	$4298	$275						24-7/1		26-9/2	9-16			
Croatia	44	G	8/7	$4298	$725					5-12	2-9			8-15 22-29	6-13		
Czech Republic	46	G	8/7	$4398	$575					21-28		30-8/6		10-17 24-10/1			
England: The Cotswolds Revised Itinerary	96	SG	7/6	$1598*	$515*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
England: The Lake District	94	G	7/6	$3998	$350					20-26		15-21		2-8 23-29			
England: The Wye Valley	98	SG	6/5	$1498*	$390*			Departures Mar-Sept†									
France: Landscapes of Provence	72	SG	9/8	$2948*	$450*					Departures May-Oct†							
France: The Loire Valley	76	SG	7/6	$2698*	$445*					Departures May-Sept†							
France: Normandy & Brittany NEW!	78	G	7/6	$4598	$695				1-7	6-12	24-30			9-15	7-13		
France: Provence	74	G	7/6	$4598	$695					7-13	4-10			10-16 24-30	1-7		
France & Italy: French & Italian Alps	82	PO	7/6	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: Late June-Sept →											
France, Italy & Switzerland: The Mont Blanc Circuit	80	G	9/8	$4198	$400							10-18 24-8/1		4-12			
Greece: Delphi, Meteora & the Aegean Coast	50	G	8/7	$3998	$425						4-11			7-14			
Greece: The Southern Coast	48	G	9/8	$3998	$495				21-29	26-6/3				15-23	6-14		
Holland	70	G	7/6	$3998	$550				22-28								
Iceland	92	G	8/7	$5998	$700						26-7/3	10-17 31-8/7					
Ireland: Clare & Galway NEW!	112	SG	8/7	$2798*	$575*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
Ireland: Connemara & Galway Bay	114	G	7/6	$4198	$550					21-27	18-24			3-9			
Ireland: Connemara & Killarney Duo	122	G	14/13	$7948	$895					21-6/3				3-16			
Ireland: Cork & Kerry NEW!	116	SG	8/7	$2248*	$595*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
Ireland: County Wicklow NEW!	110	SG	5/4	$1198*	$205*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
Ireland: Dingle Bay & Killarney	118	G	7/6	$3998	$345					28-6/3	11-17		20-26	10-16			
Italy: The Amalfi Coast	32	SG	9/8	$2748*	$575*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
Italy: The Amalfi Coast & Capri	34	G	7/6	$4498	$1298				29-5/5	13-19				16-22 30-10/6	7-13 14-20		
Italy: Cinque Terre	28	G	7/6	$3998	$425					13-19		8-14		9-15 23-29	7-13 14-20		
Italy: Cinque Terre & The Lakes Duo	42	G	14/13	$8448	$1375					13-26				9-22			
Italy: The Dolomites	18	G	7/6	$4198	$530						17-23 24-30	1-7		2-8 9-15			
Italy: Hiker's Amalfi Coast	36	PO	7/6	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: April-June & Sept-Oct →											
Italy: The Lakes	16	G	7/6	$4598	$950					6-12 20-26				2-8 16-22 23-29			
Italy: Piedmont	10	G	7/6	$4598	$760					13-19 27-6/2				9-15 23-29	7-13 14-20		
Italy: Piedmont's Langhe Region	14	SG	9/8	$3798*	$825*					Departures May-Oct†							

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TRAVEL STYLE KEY

- **Guided Walking Adventure**
 NOTE: Any Guided Walking Adventure can be a Private Adventure—make it your own!
- **Private-Only Guided Walking Adventure**
- **Self-Guided Walking Adventure**
- **Self-Guided Biking Adventure**
- **Small Ship Cruising Adventure**

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EUROPE continued																	
Italy: Puglia & Basilicata	38	G	7/6	$4298	$830					6-12				16-22	7-13		
Italy: Sicily **NEW!**	30	G	10/9	$4998	$715									23-10/2	14-23		
Italy: Sun-Drenched Umbria	24	SG	9/8	$2248*	$295*					Departures May-Oct†							
Italy: Tuscany	20	PO	7/6	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: April-June & Sept-Oct →											
Italy: Tuscany & Umbria	22	G	7/6	$4298	$350					6-12	10-16			9-15 23-29 30-10/6	7-13		
Italy: Umbria & Amalfi Duo	40	G	14/13	$8698	$1650					6-19				9-22 23-10/6 30-10/13	7-20		
Italy: Villages of Umbria	26	SG	9/8	$2648*	$275*					Departures May-Oct†							
Italy: Vineyards of Piedmont	12	SG	9/8	$3048*	$855*					Departures May-Oct†							
Malta: The Island of Gozo	68	SG	7/6	$2248*	$315*	Departures Jan-May†								Departures Sept-Dec†			
Northern Ireland	120	G	7/6	$3998	$495							16-22	6-12				
Portugal: The Azores	66	G	7/6	$3998	$675					27-6/2		29-8/4		9-15			
Portugal: Madeira Island	64	SG	8/7	$2148*	$285*	Departures Feb-Nov†											
Scotland: The Highlands **NEW!**	100	SG	7/6	$1998*	$345*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
Scotland: Southwest Highlands	102	G	7/6	$3898	$350							8-14	5-11	2-8 16-22			
Scotland & England Duo	108	G	14/13	$7798	$700							8-21		16-29			
Scotland & Wales Duo	106	G	14/13	$7748	$825									2-15			
Spain: Basque Country	58	G	7/6	$4398	$500					22-28	12-18		28-9/3	25-10/1	2-8		
Spain: Classic Catalonia	62	SG	7/6	$2148*	$465*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
Spain: Contrasts of Catalonia	60	SG	7/6	$2498*	$450*				Departures Apr-Oct†								
Spain: Granada to Seville	56	G	8/7	$4848	$630				16-23	14-21				17-24	15-22		
Switzerland: Davos	84	SG	8/7	$2098*	$0						Departures June-Sept†						
Switzerland: The Valais & Goms Valley	86	SG	8/7	$2348*	$125*						Departures June-Sept†						
Turkey: The Lycian Way & Ephesus	54	G	10/9	$5298	$575					16-25				12-21 26-10/5	10-19		
Turkey: Turquoise Coast **NEW!**	52	PO	8/7	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: April-Early June & Sept-Oct →											
Wales	104	G	7/6	$3898	$475					13-19	10-16			9-15			
ASIA, AFRICA & SOUTH PACIFIC																	
Australia: Tasmania	132	PO	7/6	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar →											
Bhutan	138	G	10/9	$5298	$475											13-22	
Burma	128	PO	10/9	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar →											
China	126	G	11/10	$5298	$975										29-11/8		
India	136	G	11/10	$6398	$1550											5-15	
Laos, Vietnam & Cambodia	130	G	11/10	$5898	$750											5-15	
Morocco: Fès to Marrakesh	146	G	11/10	$5298	$1025				15-25					16-26	14-24		
Morocco: High Atlas	144	PO	8/7	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: Apr-May & Sept-Nov →											
Nepal: Annapurna, Seti River & Chitwan Revised Itinerary	140	G	11/10	$4298	$950											7-17	
Nepal: Annapurna to Everest Revised Itinerary	142	G	15/14	$6398	$1199											7-21	
New Zealand: The South Island	134	PO	10/9	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar →											

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LATIN AMERICA & ANTARCTICA																	
Antarctica	150	SS	11/10	$8690	$6085		10-20										
			12/11	$8190	$5735		19-3/1										
			12/11	$7190	$5035		29-3/11										
			12/11	$8595	$6020											25-12/6	5-16
			12/11	$9895	$6930												
			11/10	$9995	$7000												25-1/4/13
Argentina	174	G	8/7	$4998	$975		19-26	11-18									
				$5198	$998										7-11/3	17-24	
Chile & Argentina: Patagonia **NEW!**	172	PO	9/8	Call for pricing	Call for pricing	← Optimal Travel Dates: Nov-Mar →											
Costa Rica Duo **NEW!**	156	G	16/15	$7198	$1250	7-22	18-3/4	24-4/8									
Costa Rica: Northern Cloudforest & Volcanoes	152	G	8/7	$3598	$650	15-22	5-12 26-3/4	18-25	1-8							18-25	23-30
Costa Rica: Southern Rainforest & Coast	154	G	8/7	$3798	$600	7-14	18-25	24-31								11-18	
Ecuador: Galápagos Islands	166	SS	10/9	$5098	$1200	Departures Jan-Nov†											
				$5498	$1200												Dec†
Ecuador: Galápagos Land-Based	162	G	7/6	$4398	$750		10-16	16-22		25-31					19-25	23-29	28-1/3/13
Ecuador: The Highlands	160	G	8/7	$3698	$400					18-25					12-19	16-23	21-28
Ecuador: Highlands & Galápagos Duo	164	G	14/13	$7848	$1150					18-31					12-25	16-29	21-1/3/13
Panama	158	G	7/6	$3398	$750	22-28	12-18	11-17									
Peru: Amazon	168	SS	10/9	$3798	$1749	Departures Jan-Aug†									Departures Oct-Dec†		
Peru: Machu Picchu & the Sacred Valley	170	G	8/7	$3948	$950					11-18	29-7/6	20-27		21-28	26-11/2	16-23	21-28
NORTH AMERICA																	
Alaska: The Kenai Peninsula	178	G	6/5	$3698	$650						25-30	9-14 23-28	6-11				
Arizona: Grand Canyon & Sedona	186	G	6/5	$2998	$725				29-5/4	13-18					14-19		
California: Death Valley National Park	182	G	4/3	$2248	$650			14-17 24-27							27-30		
California: Yosemite National Park	180	G	6/5	$3798	$1250						10-15	15-20	26-31	9-14			
Canadian Rockies	196	G	6/5	$3698	$965							15-20 22-27	12-17	2-7			
Colorado & Utah	190	G	6/5	$2748	$500					6-11				30-10/5	7-12		
Maine: Acadia National Park	200	G	6/5	$2848	$650						24-29		19-24	9-14 16-21 23-28			
Montana: Glacier National Park	194	G	6/5	$3098	$575							8-13 22-27	12-17 19-24	2-7			
Montana & Wyoming: Yellowstone	192	G	6/5	$2998	$795							1-6 15-20	5-10	16-21			
Québec: Québec City & the Charlevoix	198	G	6/5	$3448	$675							9-14 23-28		3-8 10-15			
Utah: Bryce & Zion Canyons	188	G	6/5	$2848	$575					20-25 27-6/1				16-21			
Vermont: Fall Foliage	202	G	6/5	$2698	$500									23-28	7-12		
Washington: Olympic Peninsula	184	G	7/6	$3598	$750						10-16	15-21	5-11 19-25	9-15			

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In 2011, 95% of our guests rated their tour experience as "exceeding expectations." We're confident our trips will earn the same acclaim this year—if not surpass it!

The charts below were developed to help you choose which trips best suit your travel style and interests. Of course, we're always available to assist you in selecting the right adventure—our Tour Consultants and home-office staff have firsthand knowledge of each trip. Call or e-mail us, and we'll guide you to your perfect trip for 2012.



Travel Style Comparison

As worldwide travelers ourselves, we know there are many ways to explore. Presenting all our adventures in one catalog lets you combine your destination dreams with your favorite style of travel.

Tour Type	Group Size	Guides	Guide:Guest Ratio	Destinations				Inclusions			
				Europe	Africa, Asia, So. Pacific	Latin America & Antarctica	North America	Most Meals	Lodging	Wine/Beer with Dinner	Transportation During Trip
G Guided Walking	16-18 max (12 avg)	Local 24/7	1:7								
SG Self-Guided Walking	you decide		na								
SG Self-Guided Biking	you decide		na								
SS Small Ship Cruising	28-122	24/7	1:15								
PO Private & Private Only	2+ you decide	Local 24/7	1:7								

Activity Level Comparison*

Every Country Walkers tour is rated by Activity Level to help you choose a trip that best matches your fitness level and interests.

Details	Easy	Easy to Moderate	Moderate	Moderate to Challenging	Challenging
Daily Hours	Up to 4	Up to 5	Up to 6	Up to 7	Up to 7
Daily Distance *(in miles)*	2-6	4-8	4-10	6-12	6-14
Walking Surfaces	Gentle, with some uneven terrain	Gentle to rolling, with some uneven terrain	Hilly, with some steep/uneven terrain	Hilly to mountainous, with some steep/uneven terrain	Rugged, uneven, mountainous terrain with some sustained ascents and descents
Daily Elevation *(in feet)*	Up to 750	Up to 1,200	Up to 2,200	Up to 3,000	Up to 4,000
Personal Fitness	Light exercise weekly, active lifestyle	Cardio exercise 2-3 times weekly, active lifestyle	Cardio exercise 3-4 times weekly, active lifestyle	Excellent physical condition, cardio exercise 4-5 times weekly, possible medical assessment	Excellent physical condition, vigorous cardio exercise 4-5 times weekly, no ortho/cardio problems, medical assessment required

*The Activity Level for each trip is found in the Details section of the tour page.